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Double blow for Kremlin in nationwide protests and Baltic poll

Communists suffer defeat in Lithuania

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

Party yesterday sustained already battered auth-

tionwide assumed a sharplv anti-Communist tone in the Baltic republic of bodes ill for officially spon-Lithuania showed the sored candidates contesting breakaway Communist elections elsewhere in the Party suffering a crushing country in coming weeks. defeat at the hands of nationalists.

The Lithuanian local government and supreme soviet elections were the first eff-ectively multi-party elections to be held in the Soviet Union and showed candidates from the Lithuanian popular front movement, Sajudis, winning 72 out of the first 90 seats

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Sajudis campaigned on a programme which promised

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"They feared that if

the West deployed its

Pershings – which could

reach Moscow in six or

seven minutes - then

we would be finished."

They were the masters

of the Soviet Union's

masters. The fear was of

a pre-emptive nuclear

strike by Nato. The

speaker is Oleg

Gordievsky, a high-

ranking KGB officer

who, for years, fed

information to the West

Now, for the first time.

Gordievsky has written

about the country he

grew up in, its past,

present and future. To

mark the beginning of

this important series, we

examine the man and

the reasons why he

turned against his

homeland. See page 12

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of Saturday's weekly

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falls in Tokyo last week and

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- and defected to it.

The Soviet Communist to work for Lithuania's full independence and castigated two heavy blows to its the Communists for decades of incompetence and mismanagement. The Lithnanian party's bravado in splitting from the Soviet party last month proved insufficient defence against the nationalists and first results of elections and its electoral performance

> In Moscow yesterday, an estimated 200,000 people defied a crescendo of official

Photograph. Leading article.

warnings and ostentatious security to join a pre-election rally in which speeches and placards were predominantly directed against the

Speakers, many from Mr Boris Yeltsin's radical Inter-Regional Group of partiamentarians, were applauded when they attacked the party establishment and cheered at every call for a multi-party system and a genuinely free

The few speakers standing to Communist candidates in next Sunday's Russian Federation elections were greeted proval. Banners called for power to be returned to the people and round-table meetings between the party and democratic groups.

Police in riot gear stood at either end of the designated venue on the southern stretch of the Moscow inner-ring road, busioads of police and Interior Ministry troops waited on standby, and much of the city centre was cordoned off. The city authorities had banned the demonstrators from their preferred venue beside the Kremlin walls.

Pre-election rallies were also held yesterday in more than a dozen Soviet cities, including Minsk, the Belo-russian capital, and President Gorbachov's home town of Stavropol in southern Russia. In Thilisi, the Georgian capital, more than 40,000 people converged on the central square in front of the government building to call for democracy and an in-

dependent Georgia. Mass demonstrations also took place in the Urals cities of Sverdlovsk and Novosibirsk, and in Volgograd, where popular protest brought down the city's Communist without violence, despite apocalyptic warnings from the tions by extremists.

In Leningrad, however, in-formal and democratic groups boycotted a planned rally when the city authorities insisted that it should take place

Those who tried to follow the original route through the city centre to the historic Palace Square were detained, giving substance to threats from the party and government leadership that they would crack down on all unsanctioned gatherings. In the city of Rostov-on-Don, in the south of the country, the organizers called off a planned rally because of the risk of

In several other parts of the country, marches were banned and meetings permitted only in designated buildings.

The Central Asian republic of Tajikistan and Baku, the Azerbaijani capital, remain effectively under martial law after violence in the past two months, and in Uzbekistan, where elections were held last marches were banned following an outbreak of violence

Uzbek elections show Brezhnevite electoral traditions holding up well, with a majority of officially sponsored Many had no competition.

About a fifth of the constituencies must go to the polls again in six weeks time, however, either because there was no decisive result, or because the single candidate nominated failed to achieve the required number of votes.

Central Asia is likely to prove an exception, however. The comprehensive defeat for Lithnanian Communist Party candidates when competit against Sajudis suggests that officially sponsored candidates elsewhere may also do

The Lithuanian Communist Party won wide popular support in the republic for its declaration of independence from the Soviet party last December and expected to do well. Had its performance matched expectations, the Lithuanian party might have found Communist parties in other Soviet republics emulating its decision to break with the Soviet party in an attempt

England rock the W. Indies

llan Lamb had his sights on a maiden overseas century as England's unexpected success in the First Test against the West Indies continued at Sabina Park in Kingston, Jamaica, yesterday.

The new vice-captain made the most of a dropped catch to reach tea unbeaten on 87, and with Robin Smith (36 not out) giving strong support, England were handsomely placed at 223 for three by the interval, 59 runs ahead.

All nine of Lamb's test centuries have been made in England. As he walked off to generous applause from a capacity crowd of 12,000, the Northamptonshire batsman had already beaten his away best of 83 in Australia seven years ago. Lamb had struck 10 fours, and his fourth wicket partnership with Smith was worth 107.



Bush and Kohl agree on German role in Nato

By Martin Fletcher, Washington, Susan Efficett, Camp David, and Philip Webster, London

united Germany should re- from East Germany. main a full member of Nato.

their pivotal private summit that US forces should remain stationed in a united Germanyas a "guarantor of stability", but what is presently East Germany should have "a special military status" to take account of the Soviet Union's "legitimate security interests".

Asked at a joint press conference what would happen if the Soviet Union remained implacably opposed to a united Germany remaining in Nato, Mr Bush replied: "We will reason together and it will all work out." Herr Kohl did not believe there

President Bush and Herr would be broad support in But it was also made plain Helmut Kohl, the West Germany or a that she again told him of her many Chancellor, emerged united Germany for neutral-own view that there should be from 24 hours of intensive sity and the two meningecepted although it would eventually yesterday to reaffirm that a for Seviet troops to windraw occur it must be done through from Feet Germany. work agreed at Ottawa.

Meanwhile, Mrs Thatcher The two leaders agreed at emphasized her caution over the speed of German reunif-Election line-up Photograph Selling the Wall ...

ication in a 45-minute telephone conversation with Mr Bush as he waited at Camp David for Herr Kohl to arrive.

Downing Street confirmed that Mrs Thatcher had made the call to Mr Bush to bring him up to date with the views of political leaders from West Germany, France, Poland and Italy, whom she has seen in the last two weeks.

She also emphasized her support for Poland's demand for an assurance of protection, possibly through a treaty, of its restern borders.

Her lengthy call to Mr Bush was seen by politicians as further evidence of her determination to see that German reunification is carried through with proper regard for all the international implications, and for Britain to be consulted fully throughout the process. In an interview at the weekend in The Sunday Times, she said: "We were the

first people even to be talking Continued on page 11, col 3

Storm warning of 90mph winds

By Geoff King and Jenny Knight

Severe gales were expected to boys aged 15, including his sweep many regions today, son, were resound by a Royal g lives and causing serious structural damage.
The London Weather Centre issued a special alert last

night warning that the winds might be as dangerous as those which left 48 dead and many alert and commuters were warned to listen to weather

pulletins. "People could be killed if they are not aware of the conditions. Trees are likely to be brought down and structural damage can be ex-pected," a spokesman said. Wind gusts of up to 90mph

and heavy rain were expected to make roads hazardous in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Insurance companies were bracing themselves after the estimated £3 billion cost of last month's gale.

A man aged 38 and two

boat21 miles north east of Whitby, North Yorkshire. Mr Jack Gibson, his son Derek and a friend, Timothy

Phoenix, of Cleveland, were Emergency services were on eral Hospital suffering from

Photograph. Forecast details

mild exposure. A search for a man aged 31 and a boy aged 13, missing since their 21st boat capsized last Thursday, continued. Lifeboats from Clacton and Walton-on-the-Naze scoured the Essex coast. after the body of a second boy, aged 14, was found on Friday. At Beesands, south Devon, 6,000 tonnes of rock were being rushed to the seaside vil-

leaders last month. All are to retain power. Cabinet Office studies Ernie spy-pay claims

A bizarre allegation that MI5 Erme's address at Lytham St has been using Premium Bond

3). Today's chance to win £4,000 is on page 29 cheques, supposedly issued by Ernic, the electronic "lottery machine run by National Sav-CBI confirms ings, for paying freelance agents, is being examined by slower orders the Cabinet Office, it emerged Weakening order books for manufacturers' goods are forc-ing them to hold prices, thus The claims first came to

light when a constituent of a senior Conservative backbencher approached his MP and alleged that Ernie did more than just select prizewinners each month. He said

"The whole

Anne's, in Lancashire, was being used as a front by the Security Service. He claimed that when freelance operatives - often referred to as "cutouts" because their undercover work cannot be traced back to MI5 - were employed, their pay cheques came in the guise of a prize-winning, tax-free Premium Bond payment.

There was no suggestion that real Premium Bond prize money had been used. The tinace on page 24, col 7

Tories face serious time, says Baker

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

if its most severe tests of nerve judgement has stood the test since Mrs Thatcher came to power 11 years ago as Labour celebrated a 17 per cent opin-ion poll lead amid evidence of growing public concern over nmunity charge. Mr Kenneth Baker, Conser-

vative Party chairman, con-ceded vesterday that the party was facing a "very serious" However, a new offensive

by the Prime Minister and her nisters to place responsibility for the Government's difficulties over the poll tax on local authorities suffered a setback when Mr Michael Heseltine intervened to suggest it should never have been In an interview on TV-am

he said: "I was always convinced that we should not proceed with the poll tax once we had looked at it in great

The Government is facing one depth in the early 1980s. That

Labour's 17-point lead, up from 12 per cent last month, was shown by a MORI opinion poll and is a severe blow to

Threat to "capping" .. Mid-term slump. Patten challenged.

the Conservatives as they

prepare for the important Mid Staffordshire by-election.

But the poll, involving interviews with almost 2,000 people between February 18 and 22, also showed that since November there has been a massive rise in public concern over the poll tax, with 32 per cent of people now identifying it as a key issue, against 12 per cent in November.

Labour's showing of 51 per cent beat its previous high of Continued on page 24, col 4

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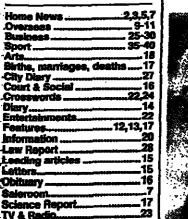
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Forbes, jester of US capitalist court, dies at 70



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From James Bose New York

The abrupt end of the Rouring Fighties has been hard on America. Wall Street "wunderkind" now find themselves pacing the streets in search of work: the movers or shakers of yesteryear --including Leona Helmsley, Manuel Noriega, Imelda Marcos and Adnan Khashoggi - find themselves in jail or facing prosecution; and you cannot buy a Perrier anywhere.

All this while the once mighty "evil empire" in the East opens its arms to embrace democracy and McDonalds, and Disneyland opens up in the EC.

But the fates have been unkinder still. Over the weekend, the nation of chocolate-chip cookies and stretched

limousines lost the man who made American capitalism fun. Malcolm Forbes, the ballooning, bakeriding, bridge-playing billionaire, pub-lisher of the business magazine, that bore his name and high-profile escort of

Elizabeth Taylor, died of a heart attack at his estate in New Jersey. He was 70. High-society figures, many of whom had attended his \$2 million (£1.17 million) birthday celebration in Morocco in August, mourned his death as a

loss to capitalism. "The whole world will miss Malcolm, who brought humanity to the capitalist system," said Mr Armand Hammer, a veteran deal-maker. "He was the quint-

essential American — optimistic, buoy-ant and lots of fun," said Dr Henry Kissinger, the former Secretary of State. Forbes was born in Brooklyn on August 19, 1919, two years after his Scottish-emigrant father, the financial editor of a New York magazine owned by William Randolph Hearst, the press baron, had founded Forbes magazine.

After a medal-winning tour of duty with a heavy machine gun section of the US infantry in the Second World War, he joined the magazine as assistant to the publisher, and, in 1957, assumed control. Forbes' philosophy is best summed up by his letter to readers in the first issue of his newest brainchild, a magazine called Egg, which was published for the first time this month. "Egg people

Teachers urged to back strike action

A new round of teacher strikes is likely after the National Association of School Masters/Union of Women Teachers voted at the weekend to ballot its 118,000 members on a recommendation for industrial action.

Mr Fred Smithies, the union's general secretary, said yesterday that his members would be called on to support a one-day strike on April 4 to "put down a marker with parents in particular that the education system faces a series of grave problems".

Teachers have been winning popular support for their call for a substantial pay rise, particularly in the light of teacher shortages. He said that he did not fear a public backlash if es were disrupted.

Mr Smithies said that the executive voted overwhelmingly for the strike ballot because the 7.3 per cent offer for 1990-91 was too low.

"Last year we got a rise which was under the rate of inflation at 6 per cent, this year inflation will probably be 8 per cent and we will get the second pay cut in two years." He said the shortage of teachers was becoming "catastrophic".

Hostage inquiry arrest

A man was arrested yesterday after a gunman took an elderly woman hostage during a series of incidents in Greater Manchester earlier in the day. Police said a man was being interviewed after "incidents in the Whalley Range area". A gunman was alleged to have visited five houses in the area, firing at the ceiling of one house, holding an elderly woman hostage in her home for an hour, holding a man at gunpoint and hijacking a car.

Power plant warning

Carbon dioxide emissions from Europe's power stations will increase by 54 per cent in the next 15 years in spite of the use of cleaner fuels, according to a report yesterday. Southern European countries will produce the largest increase in carbon dioxide, an important contributor to the "green-house effect", with a "significant rise" from Britain. The report, from the economic forecasters WEFA Energy, says there needs to be a dramatic shift in Europe's energy policy.

School phobia advice

Children with a hatred of school might have "school phobia", according to a mother who is setting up a helpline to give advice on how children can continue their education outside schools. Mrs Pip Rupik will run the helpline from her bome in Doncaster, South Yorkshire. She set up the Children's Home-based Education Association, which has 300 members, eight years ago when she decided her children should learn at home.

Food safety 'delays'

The Government was accused yesterday of having a "highly irresponsible" attitude towards food safety and was urged to set up an independent Food Standards Agency (Jill Sherman writes). Dr David Clark, Labour spokesman on food and agriculture, published a list of "delays and disasters" where he claimed the Government had failed to protect food from contamination. He alleged slow responses to outbreaks of listeria, salmonella and the "mad cow" disease BSE.

Ombudsman named

Mr Bob Edwards, a former editor of the Daily Express, the Sunday Mirror and The People, has been appointed "Ombudsman" (readers' representative) for *Today* newspaper. Mr Edwards, aged 64, said last night that Mr David Montgomery, the editor, had asked him to carry out the code of practice contained in the declaration of principles agreed by national newspapers last year. "He thinks it a good idea, and so do L" Mr Edwards said.

Beaches closed as more poison found

By Michael Horsnell

yesterday after two more um cyanide containers were found on the Sussex coast and warnings were is-sued to people with metal detectors to be wary of finds washed up after recent storms.

Mr Malcolm Bruce, environment spokesman for the Liberal Democrats, tabled amendments to the Environmental Protection Bill on dangerous chemical transport. They would: Set up a register of incidents where chemicals are lost over-

board in UK waters.

 Make it an offence if the ship's master did not notify any loss to the authorities. Make the owner or master

Beaches were closed again of the ship responsible for chemical retrieval costs.

Mr Bruce, MP for Gordon said: "The sight of chemicals being washed up on the Sussex coast is all too familiar.

"It is vital we take action to bring to bear a sense of sibility among masters of ships. We have to ask ourselves why all these chemicals have to be shipped halfway round the world at all."

The Department of Transport said the containers were washed overboard during heavy storms from the Fathulkhair, a Qatar-registered freighter which picked up its cargo in Sheerness, Kent, and was now heading for the Middle East.

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Rail workers head public-sector pay challenge

The Government faces a stern test over public-sector pay only days after settling the ambulance wage claim, with tens of thousands of workers demanding double figure rises to combat rising mortgage payments and poll tax bills.

As ministers breathed a sigh of relief at the end of the six-month ambulance dispute, they faced 100,000 rail workers determined to win a settlement worth the cost of inflation and more in line with the 10.2 per cent agreement accepted by 32,000 manual workers at Ford.

Negotiations are still outstanding with leaders of 750,000 town hall workers, who are claiming basic rises of £1,500 a year, worth between per cent and 15 per cent.

Also to come are negotiations for 76,000 power industry workers, who are claiming big rises, civil servants wanting the "going rate" — likely to be about 10 per cent — and BBC staff wanting 10 per cent plus a £500 one-

Union officials are confident of a return to work as thousands of ambulance officers start voting today on whether to end action that has crippled emergency services.

Indications are of wide acceptance of the agreement struck early on Friday with NHS executives for rises of between 19.6 per cent and 24.6 per cent, including allowances and lamp-sum payments.

Pockets of resistance are expected in the most militant areas. Crews on Merseyside will go ahead with a

off payment. It is the spectre of the British Rail negotiations which fill ministers with most horror after last year's debacle which resulted in a settlement of 8.8 per cent, helping to trigger the inflation-beating rises at private companies such as Ford and the ambulance agreement.

With inflation pushing mortgage repayments to their highest levels and the introduction in April of the poll tax, rail union leaders have left

strike today, setting up their own emergency service to handle calls from the public.

In London, where 2,000 ambulance officers have been without pay since November, crews are expected to sumb their union over the failure to win a guarantee for a pay review body. Resistance could also come from Glasgow, Leeds and Manchester, as well as Hertford-

shire and Backinghamshire. In addition to 2,000 in London, 2 further 7,000 crews are thought to

British Rail in no doubt that a double-figure wage increase will be demanded. They also want a 35hour week for all employees.

Mr Jimmy Knapp, general sec-retary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said: "The days when BR expected staff to make up their wage packets by working many hours of overtime has gone. We are looking for an inflation-plus settle-ment." The Transport Salaried

have lost wages of up to £4,000 since the dispute began. However, the NHS has calculated that the cost of providing police and Army cover could be more than offset by savings on wages of £29.5 million.

Meanwhile, talks in the next year may try to establish a framework within the present NHS Whitley Council negotiating structure for a pay mechanism. It is the lack of a pay review body which may prevent a full acceptance of the agreement, reached over 20 hours last week.

Staffs' Association said the Government should not manipulate British Rail managers from behind the scenes but should allow the rail board to negotiate.

Mr Richard Rosser, general secretary of the association, said: "We do not want a repeat of last year when BR tried to use railway staff as front line troops in defending an unfair, unrealistic and unofficial govern-ment pay norm for the public secfaces its first financial deficit for five years because of the loss of £200 million in government subsidies.

The board is anxious to introduce sweeping productivity reforms to lower costs as revenue is threatened by a loss of customers scared off by fare rises. However, unions want to do away with overtime running at an average 13 hours a week as a way of bolstering basic pay levels of between £105 and £180 a week.

The claim submitted by the association, which represents whitecollar staff, identifies the rise in mortgage rates as a main problem, while rail and Tube fares have gone up, along with big increases in gas, electricity and water charges, as well as poll tax payments which will increase household bills.

Average British Rail base rates fall £46 short of the national average for non-manual workers, the document says. At the same time, productivity rates increased by 8 per cent, according to British Rail figures.

Government may face legal bar to poll tax 'cap'

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

high-spending councils may alities of delegated bu be hampered by its own alone the principles."

The Government - bataccording to papers being studied in the departments of the environment and

Mr Chris Patten, the Secretary of State for the Environment, is likely to call for urgent talks with Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, over the legal hiatus, which has arisen from the operation of the Education Reform Act 1988, hailed as the Government's principal instrument for improving state schools. It has just been realized that the Act effectively "freezes" a large portion of education spending by councils each year. Education is one of the largest items on council

Under the Act, education authorities — the London boroughs, the county councils and all the metropolitan districts - are obliged to allocate funds to schools in advance of the new financial year. Once allocations are agreed the law

virtually prevents their repeal. If Mr Patten tried to impose a poll tax cap, however, councils would have to revise all their budgets. Spending on schools accounts for over twothirds of the total outlays of the counties and at least half the spending of metropolitan districts and London bor-oughs. If education budgets were declared untouchable, it is doubtful whether "capped"

ings likely to be demanded by Mr Patten. A letter sent to the Department of Education by Mr Barry Capon, chief education officer of Norfolk, alerted officials to the size of the problem. Mr Capon pointed out that Tory-controlled Norfolk last week agreed its

councils could make the sav-

schools' budgets according to a formula which Mr

A group of 15 Conservative back-

benchers met quietly this month to

agree a strategy to bring closer together the thinking of MEPs, MPs and the Government itself. More than 50 backbenchers are supporting the

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Conser-

vative Party chairman, is being asked

to produce a "code of practice" for

MPs in their co-operation with

Any move by the Government authorities, I suspect nobody to "cap" the poll tax levied by thought about the practic-high-spending councils may alities of delegated budgets, let

Several local authorities, including the London Bortered by two adverse court ough of Greenwich, have been last week over its briefing lawyers on the details powers in education and so- of any poll tax-capping cial security - may not have scheme. Labour-controlled cial security - may not have scheme. Labour-controlled the legal right to restrict the Greenwich has an impressive spending of most councils, record of court-room victories against environment ministers deemed to have acted outside their legal powers in attempting to change councils' taxes and spending.

• The Department of the Environment vesterday denied that its calculation of revenue support grant to local authorities favoured Conservative-controlled Westminster City Council. A spokeswoman said official grant figures might need to be revised, since they were based on population data constantly being updated, but Westminster was "in exactly the same boat as everyone else."

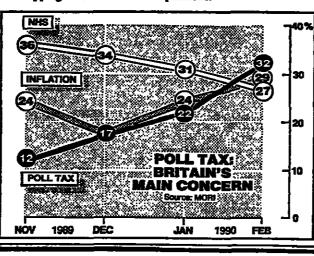
Controversy has attached to Westminster's grant from Whitehall to cover its contribution to flood control along the Thames, but the DoE is adamant that Westminster's money is based on the same formula as which applied elsewhere.

● A sharp rise in public anxiety about poll tax shows through the latest opinion poll. Asked what they considered the most important issue facing the nation, some 32 per cent of people answered local government finance; as recently as last November only 12 per cent mentioned it.

Concern about inflation is growing, too. It is mentioned by 29 per cent of the sample, compared with 24 per cent last November, Concern about the National Health Service has

The poll, conducted for Times Newspapers by Market and Opinion Research International (MORI), indicates significant anxiety about poll tax among younger people and - worrying for the Govern ment - among residents in the electoral heartlands of the West Midlands. Some 36 per cent of young people identified poll tax as the most MacGregor endorsed.

Mr Capon said: "When nation, compared with 30 per people started talking about the capping of local education pensions.



Three rescued after sea ordeal



A helicopter prepares to winch aboard from a lifeboat a man and two teenage boys who were found safe and well after nearly 24 hours adrift in the North Sea in a 19ft open boat. The picture was taken from an RAF Nimrod involved in the rescue.

Ministers back making of smaller cars

Chief Political Correspondent

Ways of encouraging motorists to use smaller cars and manufacturers to make them are being studied by a Cabinet committee as the Government grapples with the problems of increased car use and the damage it causes.

Ministers are considering ways of persuading manufacturers to make fuel efficiency rather than optimum performance their highest priority in the battle to control carbon dioxide emissions, the main cause of the greenhouse effect.

Higher excise duties for larger cars, tougher tax treatment of big company cars and much higher taxes on petrol are all being looked at as ways of discouraging people from buying large cars. The Government may also consider regulamore fuel-efficient cars.

State for Transport, who is leading the discussions in the Cabinet committee, admitted yesterday that incentives to encourage people to use smaller cars were being considered.

Mr Parkinson, interviewed on the BBC Television programme This Week Next Week, said that until recent years manufucturers had put the emphasis on fuel efficiency. Now that had changed to performance and manufacturers were much more interested in speed than in fuel consumption.

Hinting at encouragement for smaller engines, he said that a reduction of about 100cc in engine size would reduce emissions by about 3 per cent. Whitehall

tions requiring manufacturers to make insiders are expecting big increases in petrol duty - with the now customary concessions for lead-free petrol - to be included in the Budget next month.

Mr Parkinson was careful yesterday to avoid any speculation about the introduction of new green taxes. But he and his senior colleagues are fully aware of the danger to the Government of taking too drastic action to upset motorists, with two out of three households running at least one car.

He is therefore proposing a series of practical measures to meet the enthu-siasm for action of Mr Chris Patten, the Secretary of State for Environment.

Mr Parkinson believes that better maintenance of cars, better tuning and better driving techniques can save fuel and reduce emissions.

Health cutbacks

Ward closures to save £1.1m triumph for

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

A health authority faced with leading to £239,000 savings, accumulated underlying defia financial crisis has agreed in principle to a £1.1 million package of ward closures to meet government underfunding next year.

thority considered a series of recommendations on Friday involving bed closures at the three city hospitals: Newcastle General, Royal Victoria Infirmary and the Freeman. The move came as health authorities tried to balance

their books this year by "creative accounting" such as delaying payment of bills. Proposed cutbacks will lead to soaring waiting lists, include three ward closures at Newcastle General, involving 48 general medicine, gynae-cology and general surgery beds, to save £536,000.

close in the only dermatology ward, with a 30-bed urology ward to save £169,000. There would be no guar-Newcastle upon Tyne auantee that jobs would be found for nurses qualifying form the

weastle College of Nursing. Mr Arthur Taylor, chairman of Newcastle health authority, said yesterday that the authority had reluctantly agreed to a 2 per cent reserve being created to set against potential shortfalls in funding for pay and prices. Part of that could come from cost improvement savings, but at least £1.1 million of it would come from service reductions.

While the Government had allowed for 5 per cent inflation in its allocations for 1990/91, Newcastle has calculated it at At the Royal Victoria Hos- 7 per cent or more. The should become self-governing pital 58 beds would close authority has a £3 million will also be announced.

At the Freeman 18 beds would cit from underfunding of pay awards in the past, excluded in the package agreed on Friday. "These cuts will finally

remove any semblance of a comprehensive health service," Mr Tony Flynn, chairman of Newcastle social services and a member of the authority, said. "We have been told that health service spending has increased yet our experience is one damaging cut after another severely affecting patient care." • West Lambeth health authority in south London will

discuss an £8 million package of cuts today. They could lead to 134 job losses, and closure of 73 beds and an operating theatre at St Thomas's. Resuits of a staff ballot on whether or not St Thomas's Tories seek united front in Europe and at home

Crossword headmaster

By Phillip Howard Literary Editor

Mr Michael Wareham, headmaster of New Town School, St Andrews, Fife, won the Scottish regional final of the Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championship in Glasgow yesterday.

Mr Wareham, aged 48, was the national champion in 1986. He completed yesterday's four puzzles without a mistake at an average of 8½ minutes a puzzle. The head-master has now won the Scottish final five times. A new contestant, Mr John

Henderson, aged 26, came second, and qualified for the national final for the first time. He is a PhD student and lecturer in psychology from east London, and has com-piled crosswords for The Guardian under the pseudonym of "Enigmatist", where he favours foul strings of ches all linked together.

He completed the puzzles without a fault at an average of 94 minutes each.

Mr Michael Macdonald-Cooper, aged 48, a freelance travel writer from Inchine, Perthshire, came third; Mr Hugh Kilpatrick (57) a computer scientist with IBM at Edinburgh came fourth. He has come fourth in the national final

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By John Lewis MEPs. Some MEPs have been highly MP for Esher, a former chairman of have to be far more in the mainstream critical of the Covernment and some the Conservative European Affairs Conservative MPs for their failure to Group and now parliamentary private Fifty Conservative MPs are forming "pairing" arrangements with their counterparts in the European Parsecretary to Mr William Waldegrave, consult on issues of critical im-Minister of State at the Foreign portance to the UK and where

Strasbourg expertise could have beiped considerably. liament in Strasbourg to give the party's European policy a sharper They have protested at their limited access to Westminster, though they

have now been given passes and invited to backbench committee The MEPs specifically blame lack of consultation for ministerial failure to understand the full implications of

the Single European Act and the growing impact of the Community on the United Kingdom's domestic

Mr Ist Taylor, the Conservative

Office, who called this month's meeting, denied that he was forming a

"There is no secret plot here and no cabal. There are many people in the Commons who want to keep in touch with MEPs in a practical way. We are not a group of the left or right. We are strong Europeans who feel that action should be taken.

"We are concerned about how to influence particular amendments in the European Parliament and how best to keep in touch with MEPs on a regional basis. The MEPs themselves

of the thinking of the party than some of them have been up to now." • The Prime Minister has quashed suggestions of early British entry into the European Community's exchange rate mechanism by making it plain that the prospect of German unifica-

tion is an "added element" which will

first have to be assessed. It was made clear yesterday that the latest events in Eastern Europe and Britain's continuing high inflation rate has if anything hardened Mrs Thatcher's resolve against early entry. Mrs Thatcher is said to believe that the implications of unification with its threat to the strength of the Deutschemark may reduce the useful-ness. I joining the ERM.

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to make thief-proof vehicles attacked

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondence

cized by one of the biggest fleet buyers last night for not implementing security devices cost-ing just a few pounds which could help prevent theft of new cars costing insurance companies and owners up to £750 million a year.

cars worldwide and 23,000 in Britain annually, demanded design improvements which the company said might cost as little as £10 a car.

Simple design changes dreds of pounds in protecting cars and could drastically cut the numbers of cars either stolen or broken into, Hertz said.

Mr Fredy Dellis, president of Hertz International, alleged that the manufacturers were the only beneficiaries of a situation in which they sold extra replacement parts and vehicles after theft and damage.

He said the cheapest method of improving car security was with the fitting on the production line of dead locks, which could not be opened without a key even if a window is broken to gain entry, hardened steel keybole plates, flush locks and shields to protect latching arms and linkages. The cost a car would be less than £10, he claimed.

The criticism from the company, which has big buying power in Britain, Europe and manufacturers to dissatisfac- registration numbers to help

It is also a clear condemnabeen a victim of car crime. The attack from Hertz is the strongest yet on the industry's would be necessary if car failure to deal with crime, even though car thefts and break-ins account for 27 per cent of offences notified to police, putting forces around

Britain under big pressure. Vehicle thefts are running at Hertz, the rental and leasing leading to insurance payouts group, which buys 400,000 of more than £200 million. However, motor manufacturers have done little to stem the tide of crime with Britain showing one of the worst

records in Europe, Hertz said. The company produced stacould save motorists hun-tistics to show that England and Wales has a rate of almost seven vehicle crimes per thou-sand head of population compared with one in West Germany, 2.5 in Spain and less

> Security measures have not been made when the answer lies at our fingertips 9

than half of the British figure in Italy. Mr Dellis said: "Hertz is concerned that the simple steps needed to solve the rapidly growing problem of car theft have not been taken by many vehicle manufacturers.

table that improvements in security have not been made when the answer lies quite literally at our fingertips."

Hertz etches the windows of the United States, will alert its hire car fleet with vehicle tion over their security record. trace stolen cars. However, the fairer system of company car cost is up to £30 a car. tion from a company which Disabling devices, such as ver a big number of business runs one of the biggest fleets in mechanical locking devices, miles annually, the associa-Britain and which has long are just as expensive while car tion said. "The present system

companies would only add security improvements during a time when car companies were able to achieve technology improvements which

allowed cars to travel at 150mph, with luxury features such as compact disc players together with anti-lock brakes four-wheel-drive, Mr Dellis said car security was a small cost, which could be absorbed by manufacturers.

expected the manufacturers to end what was no longer an "acceptable situation" and take proper remedial action. Manufacturers such as Ford and Vauxhall have been addressing the issue of sec-

urity by adding special dead

locks to their cars over the

As a big customer, Hertz

past two years. However, that is thought to be a small part of the problem facing the big fleet operators who stand to lose millions of pounds through vehicle theft. Mr Dellis said: "For little effort and cost, we could virtually eliminate this crime." The Association of Fleet Car Operators warned of a big rise in inflation if the Chancellor of the Exchequer in-

creases taxation on company

car users in the Budget. Mr Major was told that employees hit hard by fresh taxation increases would only demand pay rises or extra benefits to cover their losses. Instead, he should implement a taxation to help users who coalarms cost up to £350 each. is simply not up to present Hertz said none of that market conditions, it said.

Car groups' failure | Fund-raisers' high hopes and low notes



Some of the 30 young performers who appeared at a double bass concert at the Festival Hall, London, yesterday, to raise funds for a new music scholarship.

RSPCA releases disputed circus study

By Jamie Dettmer

A year-long dispute over the funding copyright and scientific conclusions of a report into the treatment of circus animals could spill into the courts after the RSPCA released several hundred copies of the work yesterday without the permission of the author.

Dr Marthe Kiley-Worthington, who was commissioned by the charity to

can sue the RSPCA for breach of copyright. "I have not given the RSPCA permission to publish or release the report." she said.

The RSPCA has made no editorial changes to the report but has added an extra introduction claiming that it contains evidence of suffering.

Dr Kiley-Worthington, a visiting fellow at Edinburgh University and a freelance consultant in animal behaviour, has been in conflict with the

little evidence of cruelty to animals in circuses and that there are no grounds for

That runs counter to official RSPCA policy calling for a ban on the use of animals for public entertainment which, it claims, causes animals undue distress

as well as being morally objectionable.

The RSPCA said yesterday the author's failure to publish "had led to damaging and ill-informed interpreta-tions". Publication would allow bal-

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Mr Michael Hellman, a retired book-keeper, of Morti-mer Place, Kilburn, north on, is the latest winner of the Times Portfolio Platin weekly prize of £4,000.

He plans to have a holiday nake a donation to charity and put some money aside for his poll tax. "My 67th birthday is on Tuesday, so this is a double celebration," he said. "I once won a shilling on the pools and £25 on the premium bonds, bu

Concorde flight to see eclipse

By Harvey Elliott

hope to get their best view ever of a total eclipse of the Sun by filming the phenomenon from Concorde as it flies above the Soviet Union.

The eclipse on July 22 is expected to produce some spectacular solar flares and enable scientists to learn more about the enormous power

A new organization called Eclipse 90 has chartered one Concorde, and may charter a second, from British Airways to "chase" the Moon's shadow as it crosses the northern Soviet Union. It will carry scientists and film cameras so the solar flares can be studied for much longer than normal. The details are still being worked out.

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It is hoped that the huge cost of the project can be off-set by selling rights to television companies so that live pictures can be beamed around the world. The eclipse coincides with peak viewing time in the United States, but if Britain gets pictures, viewers will have to stay up until 3am to see them.

The Soviet authorities have given permission for the two Concordes to fly across one of the world's most sensitive military regions to view the eclipse. This is not the first time Concorde has been used in this way, but the July eclipse promises to be particularly breathtaking.

"Solar activity will be at a 400-year height by the summer so we could see spectacular solar flares during the eclipse." Mr John Baxter, of Lord St John: To initiate the Eclipse 90 Project, said.

Peers to debate **Rothschild offer**

Mr Jacob Rothschild's £7.6 lawyer in Switzerland. The Lords today.

Lord St John of Fawsley, a former Conservative Arts Minister, will ask the Government to clarify the position. It is expected his question

will initiate a mini debate on application. It may not, however, give an answer to the central question:

Who really owns the statue? Ownership is shrouded in a merry-go-round of companies in the Cayman Islands. The marble statue was sold

to Fine Art Investment and Display Ltd in the early 1980s.
But the identity of its
shareholders is a mystery. The
company is believed to be
owned by Transocean Bank and Trust, but heritage lobby-ists believe that may be merely a nominee company owned by someone else. All inquiries are referred to a non-committal



debate on "Three Graces".

million package to save the sculpture of three dancing Canova sculpture "The Three maidens was commissioned Graces' from export to the by the 6th Duke of Bedford for Getty Museum in California Woburn Abbey in 1817, but will be raised in the House of ownership passed through the Cayman Islands to the Getty Museum before the Government issued a temporary order banning its export, which expires on March 12.

Meanwhile, the feasibility of Mr Rothschild's plan will Luce, Arts Minister, in talks with Treasury officials.

Public appeals have raised only £333,000, the bulk of which has come from the National Art Collections Fund (NACF). Mr Rothschild then announced he would buy the sculpture for £7.6 million and offer it to the nation in lieu of the same amount of tax, payable on an inheritance from

Yesterday, his offer was welcomed unreservedly by Sir Peter Wakefield, chairman of the NACF, Lord Charteris, chairman of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, Sir Hugh Leggatt, secretary of Heritage in Danger, and Mr Marcus Binney, of Save Britain's Heritage.

Sir Hugh Leggatt said: "It represents a great saving to the charities and there is no need for public funds to be expended. This is a highly imaginative use of the 'in-lieu'

Save Britain's Heritage has meanwhile obtained permission for a High Court review of the decision by Mr Christopher Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, not to take action to enforce the sculpture's return to Woburn Abbey.

Women at work

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Pregnancy costs firms dear

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

and then not returning chunk of that 70 per cent, hard-pressed because the fall because of a shortage of creches is costing big organizations such as the Mid
organizations such as the Midcrèches is costing big organizations such as the Midland Bank millions of pounds child care," she said.

project manager of the bank's agers to set up child care innovative nurseries project, said the Midland estimated that it lost £14 million a year because senior female staff failed to return.

"It is a costly exercise to provide high-quality childcare sidized creches as a fringe but it is also a very costly benefit.

land Bank's employees are Sherman writes). take maternity leave and do than a million people aged at the youth employment not return. They will have least 85, double the number in organization Youthaid said.

Mrs Loffill has been trying Mrs Maureen Loffill, senior to persuade her regional manfacilities with a subsidy from the bank by persuading them that childcare is not "a gynaecological problem".

She called on the Government to end taxation of sub. jobs, the report says.

exercise to waste your female • The conflict between resources. Most companies women returning to work and Street, waste them shamefully." Mrs the growing number of frail £5.45) Loffill says in an interview with School's Out magazine widening "care chasm", a report from the Family Policy by employers after the Government Studies Centre says today (Jill Sherman writes)

By 2001 there will be more work comes into effect today.

The "constant haemorrhage" cost the company thousands of skilled women leaving of pounds in training. "Remployment to have children search shows that a huge vices will become even more

Government plans for community care, with the emphasis on moving people out of residential accommodation, assume that families would take on an even greater share of caring Yet more women in the caring age groups will be doing full-time

Community Care and Elderly People: Policy Practice and Re-search Review (Family Policy Studies Centre, 231 Baker Street, London NW1 6XE;

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Atlantic air deal hit by politicians' disagreement

Plans to boost the number of been going on for months but trans-Atlantic air services and turn Manchester into an important British "gateway" airport have been thrown into disarray after a misunderstanding between Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, and his American opposite number, Mr Sam

Months of negotiations between British and American officials on the number of trans-Atlantic routes which could be flown by each country's airlines, appeared to have been settled in Washington last month after the two politicians had a series of private meetings.

Mr Parkinson claimed that under the agreement three under the agreement three the last meeting, at the end of American carriers would be which he and Mr Skinner able to fly to Manchester while Virgin Atlantic would be given rights to operate to Boston, and British Airways would have been allowed to officials, but when the fundalink its Canadian services to others in the United States.

Mr Skinner even set a denied making the agreement tentative date - March 14 - and suggested that Mr Parkinfor a visit to London where he son had misunderstood him. would sign the agreement, for which Manchester airport has been pressing for years.

When Mr Parkinson wrote ing the deal as he saw it, howhad agreed to no such thing. As a result, the talks are

virtually back to square one and the chances of a final agreement being signed within the next few weeks are slim. Yesterday, Mr David Marshall, chairman of the Commons select committee on transport, said that he planned

to set down questions for both oral and written answer about the progress of the bilateral "We have been concerned for some time that Mr Parkinson may sell out British inter-

ests to get a deal," he said. British officials were pressing hard for a deal which would have given British airlines the right to pick up passengers in the United States in the same way that the American carri-ers can fly within Europe. We will want to question Mr Parkinson and ensure that he stands up for Britain.'

Talks between officials had

had constantly broken down because, according to the British side, the Americans were unwilling to allow access to their internal network to British airlines.

The Americans, meanwhile, insisted that they should be given the right to fly to Manchester and fly more services in the main London

After several abortive attempts at a compromise, Mr Parkinson last month flew to Washington and took control of the negotiations. Unusually, he insisted that most of the accompanying team from the Department of Transport were not present at exchanged a "handshake

The fine detail of the plan was to have been sorted out by mentals of the deal were sent to Washington, Mr Skinner

He claims he did not agree that British Airways could fly to American cities, having first picked up passengers in formally to Mr Skinner outlin- Canada, and that he wanted far more rights for American ever, Mr Skinner claimed he carriers to operate to London as well as to Manchester.

> Now the deal, as seen by Mr Parkinson, which would have enabled Northwest Airlines to fly to Boston, Delta to operate to Atlanta from Manchester, and for the existing "unofficial" operation of American Airlines between Chicago and Manchester to be confirmed, has been thrown back into the melting pot.

Neither British airlines nor the British negotiators who had been arguing for greater access to the US market were keen on the Parkinson compromise because they said, it "There is no doubt that still allowed far more American flights into Britain while winning little in return.

Officially, the Department of Transport remains optimistic that a deal will finally be struck: The Department of Transportation in Washington refused to comment except to say that the proposed visit by Mr Skinner was "still under discussion".

Solicitors hit back over conveyancing

The most ambitious market- the Government's legal ing campaign ever undertaken reforms." by a profession will be unveiled this week when the Law Society of England and Wales announces plans to promote 60,000 solicitors in the conveyancing market.

The £250,000 campaign, to be officially launched on March 21, will involve the marketing of new conveyancg procedures, called the National Conveyancing Protocol. These are being adopted by solicitors in the face of the threat in the conveyancing field from the big lending institutions.

medium is being used in the are exchanged. Society with Ogilvy and Mather acting as PR consultants. As well as regional and national newspapers, the campaign will be promoted on radio, in cinemas, in post offices and may involve a national television advertisement — the society's first.

Miss Sue Stapeley said: The protocol will give solicitors the edge when the finan-

The Conveyancing Protocol has been promoted intensively in the past few months among the profession, with regional meetings attended by some 15,000 solicitors.

The main features of the protocol are: the use of standard forms of contracts; a requirement that the search be made by the seller's solicitor at the seller's cost; and a new search validation scheme providing an indemnity for cases where there are problems arising over the period from the date of the search Every kind of publicity result until the date contracts

campaign, devised by the Law • The Court of Appeal is expected to hear a case this week which will test whether a child, aged six, is too young to give evidence. The case would set an important precedent in prosecutions of child abuse.

Lawyers for a man sentenced in September by the Central Criminal Court to eight years' jail for incest will ask the court to quash the conviction on the grounds that his cial institutions come into the daughter should have been conveyancing market under ruled too young to testify.

The Government should carry out a complete overhaul of the system of compensation for victims of medical accidents, the Labour Party says today (Jill Sherman writes). Miss Harriet Harman, the shadow health minister, will try to insert a clause in the Government's NHS Bill giving victims an automatic right to compensation. The clause, which mirrors no-fault compensation schemes in countries such as New Zealand, will be debated in committee tomorrow.

Bloomsbury Press not to publish The Cocaine Kids, a book about New York drug dealers which explains how "crack" is

Global greens

At least 100 million people are expected to be involved in the largest ever environmental event, Earth Day 1990, to be held on April 22 in 121

Fur fight

Twenty-seven people were arrested during a protest at a fur shop in Birmingham in which two coats worth a total of £2,000 were destroyed.

Book ban plea Energy centre

A £10 million national centre to promote the efficient use of energy is to be set up in Milton

Rail shares

The North York Moors Railway, which claims to be Britain's most successful private line, is planning to issue shares to help finance improvements.

Bond winners The winning National Savings

Premium Bonds weekly prize draw numbers are: £100,000, 9MK 593312 (Exeter); £50,000, 5CB 234578 (Westminster); £25,000, 18YS

Georgian grandstand ruin to be restored



is to be restored from its present ruined condition (above) to its original two-storey form (left) in a rescue package involving English Heritage and the Bristol-based Vivat Trust.

The grandstand, built by public abscription for £1,200 in 1775, was probably designed by John Carr, of

The last races at the course were run in August 1981. Its gallops are still used by the trainer Mr J.W. Watts.

The former Richmond Corporation sold the lead from its flat roof in the late 1940s. The first storey was demolished in the 1960s. Stones left on the site will be used in the reconstruction.

Car maker echoes call to boycott **BR** service

By Kevin Eason Motoring Correspondent

Executives and managers at Lotus, the specialist sports car maker, have been told not to use the train for business travel because delays and cancellations were causing missed appointments.

The company disclosed vesterday that employees had been told to use their com-pany cars or take budget air lights rather than use British

Mr Mike Kimberley, managing director, made the ruling after executives were late for or missed appointments because of the poor train service from Norwich.

The National Federation of Self Employed and Small Businesses has also issued a call to its members to boycott BR because of the poor service.

In the Federation's magazine First Voice, Mr David Mitchell, editor, said: "Quality and reliability, the cornerstones of our business life, are unknown to those who run the rail network."

It urged businesses to switch to private delivery firms, cars

and buses. BR chiefs have said they are about to go into the red for the first time in five years as the Government cuts subsidies, causing fares to rise an average



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Bogus spouse rackets found

even London-based ethnic minority welfare agencies and six immigration advisers - two of them law. yers and one a justice of the - are helping to organize bogus marriages for immigration offenders, a yearlong inquiry by immigration officers has discovered.

One agency was until recently located less than a mile from the Immigration Service's main central London offices at Isis House in south

Senior immigration officers believe that the investigation, codenamed Operation Goldring, has only scratched the surface of a lucrative trade which could be allowing several thousand immigration offenders a year to trick the Home Office into granting them residence rights.

The trade involves offenders paying up to £2,000 to marry British citizens, who are usually already married. Some of the British citizens who have been paid to go through marriages of convenience are female prostitutes or unemployed men. In one case, a prison officer at Brixton jail, south London, was found to have acted as a spouse in a sham marriage.

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The trade also involves immigration offenders paying to "marry" people who have taken on the identities of British citizens by obtaining copies of birth certificates. In several cases, Immigration Officers have had to tell British citizens their names have been used as spouses in

marriage ceremonies. Operation Goldring's existence became known last year after two widely publicized trials in London and Manchester. In one it was revealed that a British woman had "married" 30 different west African men. The inquiry was ordered after registrars in several towns reported the same brides, bridegrooms and



A year-long inquiry found widespread immigration fraud, Jamie Dettmer writes.

witnesses appearing at dif-ferent weddings, sometimes in the same week

While the Manchester and London cases were widely reported, the scale of the sham marriage abuse is only just coming to light. According to the confidential Operation Goldring report, a copy of which is in with The Times, 1,600 Ghanaians and Nigerians in 1988 alone were allowed to stay on the basis of sham marriages. A further 800 Ghanaians and Nigerians who married in 1988 have either had their stay in Britain extended on the basis of suspected bogus marriages or

are applying for an extension. Another 2,635 West Africans probably went through bogus marriages but have not applied for leave to remain. The logic behind not applying to benefit from the fraud appears to be that some West African offenders will only use the marriage as a 'long stop' to prevent removal from Britain

Altogether "potentially 5,000 marriages worthy of

investigation may have taken place in 1988 between West Africans and British citizens". Although Operation Goldring concentrated on duweddings involving west African nationals, im-migration officers are convinced the abuse is widespread among many other nationalities. According to the Goldring

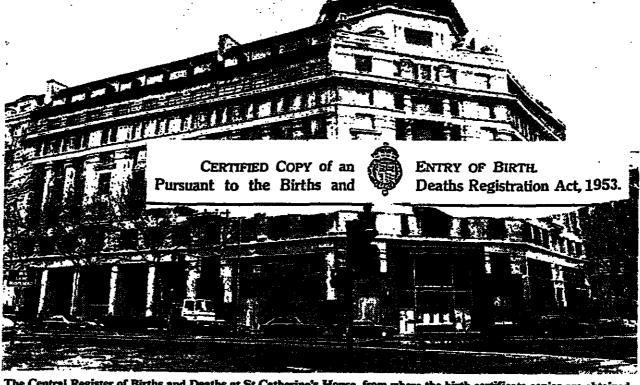
report, dozens of "isolated" rackets are being investigated by police. The report speaks of investigations in Walthamstow, Leyton, East Ham, Acton and Mitcham in London and in Birmingham and

The 40-page report is peppered with complaints about the lack of resources available to cope with the abuse. It says fewer than 4 per cent

of applications from Ghanaians and Nigerians secking permission to remain or settle in Britain on the basis of marriage are refused, despite the liklihood that at least 50 per cent of the applications are linked with sham weddings. "The reluctance of Immigration Service enforcement staff to take on marriage enquiries due to other commitments and resource constraints, no doubt contributed to the upsurge in this type of abuse." Immigration officers found

also discovered the existence

of blank Ghanaian divorce certificates were circulating in London. "The applicants frequently state to the Immigration Officer upon arrival that they are married in their country of origin to demonstrate their incentive to return home. They subsequently marry British citizens and quickly provide divorce documents purportedly from Ghana. We formed the impression that these documents had either been apprehended," the report stolen and sent from Ghana, or were complete forgeries manufactured in the United



The Central Register of Births and Deaths at St Catherine's House, from where the birth certificate copies are obtained.

Teams collect certificate copies

By Jamie Dettmer

One of the most disturbing aspects of Operation Goldring is the light it casts on the ease with which people can obtain copies of birth certificates and use them "marry off" British citizens to immigration offenders.

On almost any weekday, teams of West Africans and Asians can be seen applying for dozens of birth certificate copies at the Central Register of Births and Deaths at St Catherine's House in London. Some copies, costing £5 each, are destined for sham marriage rackets, others to provide an immigration offender with a new "official" identity.

Many offenders use the copies to apply for credit cards, national insurance numbers and even passports.

"It is possible that anybody could one day discover that not only are they in debt for several thousand pounds, but also that they are married to an immigration offender about whom they know nothing," the Operation Goldring

"We have encountered a number of cases where we have had to inform British citizens, some of whom are

already married, that they have a West African 'spouse'. Quite naturally, these people are deeply disturbed."

The report cites the case of a young British woman who had to be informed by the Immigration Service that she married" a Mr Frimpong, a West Africa

"Whilst in the process of pursuing an appeal against a refusal to extend his stay as a student, Mr Frimpong lodged an application to remain on the basis of marriage to a Miss Collins. After a considerable amount of detective work the real Miss Collins was located. She was horrified to discover that she was now married to Mr Frimpong, given that she had never met this man.

The report adds: " Even more perturbed were her parents, who lived nearby and whom we had contacted in order to lead us to Miss Collins in the first place. Her father suggested that he might take the matter up with his MP and was outraged that his daughter's identity could be abused in this way."

In another case, man who had worked for British Nuclear Fuels in Blackpool was told that he had "officially" married a West African woman he had not met. "Miss Ashiety claimed to be living

with her British husband but home visits always resulted in him being 'out'. Police attempts to trace the husband, Paul Hickton, failed but we eventually tracked him down. He works in Blackpool and has never been to London; his identity had been fraudulently used. As a result of our evidence Miss Ashiety made a supervised departure to Ghana, following service of a notice of intention to

Birth certificate abuse has always been available for the unscrupulous. It was described in 1971 by Frederick Forsyth in his thriller, The Day of the Jackal. However, officials at St Catherine's suspect there has been a big increase in the fraudulent use of certificates in recent years and that at least 4,000 copies a year are being used by immigration rackets.

Last December, the Government published a Green Paper recommending ways of tightening up on birth certificate es. It argued that applicants for copies should have to say why they want one - or several - and to provide various proofs of identity.

However, two weeks ago in a White Paper, ministers recommended that the system should not be changed.

'Classes' to help frauds

The Operation Goldring report makes clear that it would be hard to prove in court that

It notes the only way to secure evidence would be to ask the police to search offices ask the police to search ornces for documentary evidence. But "many documents held by such agencies are arguably subject to legal privilege". However, Immigration Officers found some documents casting light on the role of one granger account. suspect agency.

The documents, detailing the questions likely to be asked by Home Office interriewers, were found hidden in illegal immigrant's flat. The woman gave a false ddress to the marriage registrar when she apparently married a British citizen.

One of the documents was given to the woman at one of the "lessons" run by the agency rehearsing Home Office interviews. The also supplied a rough letter to be sent to the Home Office. It contained the kind of grammatical errors likely from omeone with little con

It said: "Dear Sir/Madam. Revealing the way I feel for my wife is a very personal matter indeed, but since I have no choice I can gladly and proudly say my wife and I have separation. Being I am not the type of man to write my feelings on paper, to your question, yes I am a very happy married man."

The eight-page "crib sheet" listed the kind of questions that could be expected at a Home Office interview: Name of husband/wife, names of other members of the families. star signs, the name of best friends, favourite food, favourite television progran toothpaste usually used by partner, partner's normal bedtime, partner's dress size, and

Code of practice for journalists

Press Council's 16 points tackle race, accuracy, privacy, fact and intrusion

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

journalists drawn up by the mended for adoption by Mr observed. Press Council is due to be Blom-Cooper and a small • Comme agreed tomorrow and come committee are: into force from Thursday.

The final 16-point document follows two months of consultation between the self- accuracies or statements deregulatory body, chaired by Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, newspaper industry organizat-ions and public bodies, including the Equal Opportunities Commission and the Campaign for Homosexual Reform.

Three suggested changes to the council's original blueprint concerning the highly sensitive topics of treatment of crime and discrimination on the grounds of sex and religion have not been included. Instead, "such issues will be given further consideration after the adoption and publication of the code".

The recommendation to publish a code reflecting commonly accepted principles of good journalistic practice was contained in a report by an internal Press Council committee set up last year to review the body's future role and function.

The original code recommended by the report published in December has undergone several changes, without disturbing its broad unethical conduct jeopardizes

• Accuracy. It is the duty of newspapers not to publish deliberately or recklessly insigned to mislead, and to correct promptly and with due prominence significant inaccuracies which they have published, or misleading statements for which they are responsible, apologizing for these where appropriate.

Opportunities to reply. It is

the general duty of newspapers to allow a fair opportunity for reply when reasonably called for. In particular, it is the duty of newspapers to allow people or bodies they attack editorially a reasonable opportunity to reply.

Privacy. Publishing information about the private lives of individuals without their consent is not acceptable unless publication is in the public interest (not synonymous with merely being of interest to the public) overriding the right of privacy.

It is the duty of editors to ensure that inquiries into people's private lives are not undertaken and information or pictures about their private lives are not published, unless inquiry or publication can be thrust. It will stress that justified as being necessary in the public interest. The Press

The first code of practice for code's 16 points recom- ciple on privacy should be tion, should not be made to Comment and fact. News-

> but they should take care to distinguish between comment. Conjecture should not be

elevated into statements of



of the Press Council.

 Subterfuge. Newspapers and journalists serving them should use straightforward means to obtain information OF pictures.

Their use of subterfuge can be justified only to obtain material which ought to be published in the public interest and could not be obtained by other means. • Payment for articles. Payments or offers of payment for the freedom of the press. The Council's declaration of prin- stories, pictures or informa-

witnesses or potential witnesses in current criminal sapers are free to be partisan proceedings. Or to people engaged in crime or their associates, except where the material concerned ought to be published in the public interest, and the payment is necessary to enable this to be

> The Press Council's declaration of principle on payment for articles should be be

■ Intrusion into grief. Newspapers and journalists serving them should in general avoid intruding into personal grief. In cases involving grief, in-quiries should be carried out and approaches made with sympathy and discretion. Innocent relatives. Newspapers should avoid identify-

ing relatives of persons convicted or accused of crime unles the reference to them is directly relevant to the matter reported. • Interviewing children. Journalists should not nor-

mally interview a child under the age of 16 in the absence of, or without the consent, of a parent or other adult who is responsible for the child. • Children in sex cases. Newspapers should not, even where the law permits it, identify children under the age

ing sexual offences. Rape victims. Newspapers should not identify victims of

rape, or publish material likely to contribute to such identification. · Pictures. Newspapers should refrain from publish-

ing pictures which needlessly exacerbate grief or cause • Race and colour. News-

papers should not publish material likely to encourage discrimination on grounds of race, or colour, and should avoid reference to people's race or colour in prejudicial or pejorative contexts unless they are directly relevant to the story.

· Financial journalism. Journalists should not use for their own profit financial information they receive in advance of its general publication. The Press Council's declaration of principle on financial journalism should be

 Hospitals. Journalists making inquiries of hospitals or similar institutions should identify themselves to a responsible official before entering, except in very rare cases where information which ought to be disclosed could not otherwise be obtained • Confidential sources.

of 16 as victims (except in Journalists have an obligation homicide cases) witnesses or to protect confidential sources defendants in cases concern- of information.

Half-term smiles masked by some inscrutable fun



programme at the weekend of traditional Chinese New Year activities to celebrate the Year of the Horse. The Commonwealth Institute in London organized a morning for children of all nationalities to make ancient

Whitehall Brief

Chinese opera masks. Under the eye of a Chinese mask-making expert youngsters were shown how to make and decorate masks as part of a workshop for the children of readers of *The Times* in the festive atmosphere of the Museum Store in the Covent Garden Piazza.

Auction fight of the ski slopes

Sotheby's emerged victorious yesterday after fighting with Christie's for saleroom dominance in San Moritz.

The Swiss resort is a major stopping-point on the jet set's winter calendar and Sotheby's has held successful jewellery sales there for 15 years.

Christie's, showing an aggressive edge, moved in for the first time this year and held jewellery and expensive watch sales ahead of the opposition, taking £7.3 million.

Sotheby's reasserted itself during the weekend at the Hotel Kulm, where 718 lots of jewellery were 85 per cent sold for a total in excess of £10

A spokeswoman said: "It was a good atmosphere and the total was the second highest we have ever achieved

in San Moritz." The glitterati and the gemstone dealers mixed in the saleroom and the top price of pieces of jewellery were much sold for \$319,000 (£186,549).

SALERCOM John Shaw

SF7,040,000 (£2,771,653) was paid by Moussaieff jewellers

of London and Geneva for a 20.62 carat unmounted fancy pink diamond, the fifth largest offered at auction.

Fancy pink diamonds are considered among the rarest and most desirable of all gemstones. Intense competition is ensured when one demand is strong. comes to auction.

Two other immounted diamonds made the second and third highest prices; a step-cut pear-shaped stone of 10.06 carats was sold to a private buyer at SF616,000

sought after like a sapphire and diamond cluster ring by Tiffany, which went for Sfr462,000 (£181,889) to a Geneva dealer. The sapphire was said to be Burmese.

 A Jasper Johns alphabet study made the top price of \$572,000 (£334,502) at Christie's sale of contemporary art in Park Avenue, New York. The classic example of the entire alphabet in black chalk from 1959 is one of his works containing letters of the alphabet or numbers for which

The sale made \$11,582,890 (£6,773,619), with 90 per cent sold. It also saw demand for pictures by Joan Mitchell and stone of 21.82 carats took Jean Michel Basquiat. Mitch-SF726,000 (£285,826), and a ell had two pictures in the top five lots, the most expensive being "Summer Slide", an abstract from 1960-61 which made \$418,000 (£244,444).

Profligate waste of talent that perturbs no one s Evelyn Brodie is senior Both failed to have their arms assistant director of Morgan Grenfell. She is an economist by trade, knows how the numbers run and how boardrooms work. It is easy to imagine her adding

value to any number of other organi zations - public and private - whose business is the command of money. In Ms Brodie's case you could add that she is a vivacious power-dresser, a description only half of which you would apply to Mr Alan Healey, a managerial type who is just about to take over as chief executive of Cheshire County Council. If his double-breasted city suit is uniform, he shares Ms Brodie's evident clever-

ness and marketability. The two have something in common. Both have left the Civil Service without any inquests into why. Ms Brodie, once in the Treasury, departed from the Cabinet Office for the private sector. Mr Healey is about to leave the Treasury's Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency.

twisted, their loyalties appealed to, money dangled in front of them, promises made about their future careers ... Would IBM or British Telecom be so passive?

Whitehall's indifference to its loss might be because this pair were not impressive civil servants — a suggestion to which their track records give the lie. Or it could be that the Civil Service is so awash with talent, especially female talent, that it can afford to be profligate; it has so many bright economists and information technology specialists, it can let them go.

Conservative ministers have on occasion said it's no bad thing if civil servants get out of public administration into the "real world". But the fact is that ministers pay little or no attention to managerial questions, leaving them to permanent secretaries to consider. And even the most enthusiastic of anti-public sector ministers tend to enter a caveat - that it's imperative that some of the civil servants come back at high levels. That, of course, never happens; the permanent sec-retaries do not relish the competition. The brutal answer to why White-

hall does not bother about its personnel losses is that it doesn't care. The Civil Service has no tradition of personnel management at the centre worth speaking of. In the Treasury, personnel is for cissies: there is noone at the centre of the web worrying about losing the best and the The low esteem in which person-

nel work is held can be illustrated by the fact that the one bit of Whitehall with personnel (the Management and Personnel Office) was abolished. Some of its functions passed to the Treasury where, typically, they were sidelined - given to a woman to do. That woman, Dame Anne Mueller, made a fist of raising the status of personnel work, but she has now been allowed to retire without being replaced.
Officially, Whitehall would deny

all the above. We have "establish-ments officers" in each department, they would say. Sir Robin Butler, the Head of the Civil Service, has advisers who keep him abreast of who is doing what and who deserves promotion. But these officials are amateurs. They rarely have the benefit of the management training routinely available in the private sector and elsewhere in the public sector. As a result, promotion is often an elaborate game of Chinese checkers, with no attempt made at a rigorous fitting of available talent and open positions.

If that sounds harsh, watch this space as officials have a flutter on who will be the next permanent secretary. The only question worth putting is: will he be the man (there is only one woman with a fighting chance) thrown up by the machine or the person selected by a professional per-

sonnel function. The answer is plain. **David Walker**

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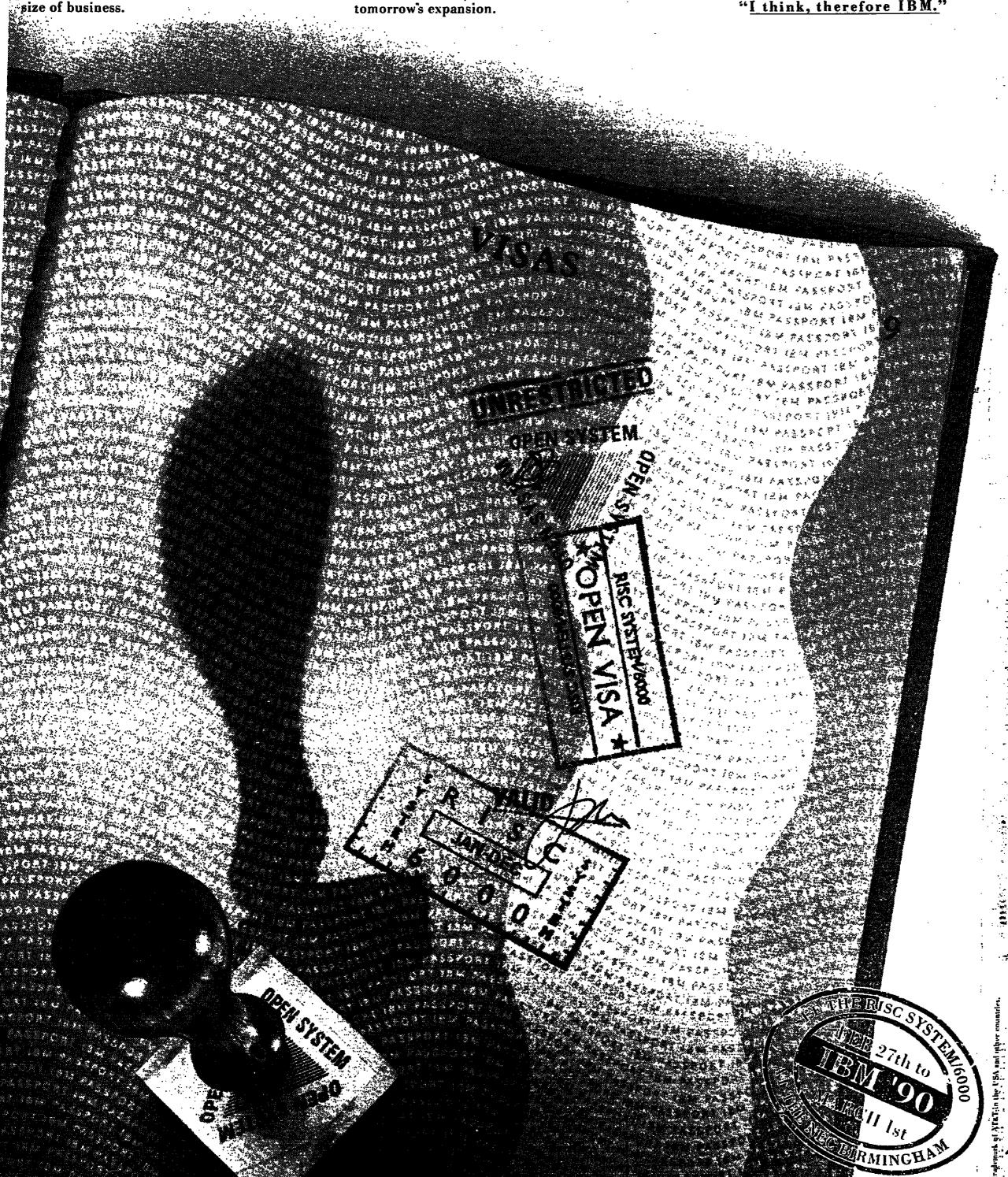
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Mandela orders end to spiral of violence among rival blacks

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In an address to the largest political rally since his release, the ANC leader warned more than 150,000 supporters that the continued violence threatened to derail the peace process for the entire country. His conciliatory call was the most determined attempt yet to halt nearly five years of fighting between the United Democratic Front, the pro-ANC umbrella movement, and Inkatha, the conservative Zulu nationalist organization, which claims to represent the majority of the country's larg-

Up to 3,000 people have been killed and tens of thousands made homeless in black-on-black violence throughout the province for control of the townships.

"My message to those of you involved in this battle is: take your guns, your knives and your pangas (machetes) and throw them into the sea." he ordered. "Close the death factories and this war now."

The move could prove to be Mr Mandela's toughest pol-itical challenge and will cer-tainly test his credibility as South Africa's foremost black

Mr Mandela received a rousing welcome from the peace to Inkatha and hope crowd, who waited hours in that it might one day be

Mr Nelson Mandela yesterday the sweltering midday sun, possible to share a platform instructed tens of thousands of outside Durban's King's Park stadium, but his conciliatory message and call for peace was

at times greeted in silence.

Over the weekend at least six Front supporters were shot dead near Durban and an anonymous pamphlet calling for continued fighting was circulated the day before Mr Mandela's arrival.

"In the last few years of my imprisonment my greatest burden, my deepest suffering, was caused by reports that reached me of terrible things happening to you people in Natal," he said.

"If we do not bring a halt to the conflict we will be in great danger of corrupting the proud legacy of our struggle. We endanger the peace pro-cess in the whole country." Although he said that some tribal chiefs in South Africa had collaborated with the white regime, he refrained from making any direct criti-cism of Inkatha and its leader,

Chief Mangosuthn Buthelezi. He added that while fundamental differences remained between the two sides, any non-discriminatory pol-itical organization would be another rally. Today he is allowed to operate in a future South Africa.

But he ruled out the possibility that Natal would be he will leave South Africa for granted a special status in any future settlement.

with Chief Buthelezi," he said. The ANC leader particularly stressed the importance of unity within the ranks of the blacks in South Africa until a non-racial democratic

state could be established. Mr Mandela also paid trib-ute to the Zulu nation for its historic struggle against "imperialism" which he dated back to the defeat of British forces at the battle of Isandiwana in 1879 by King Letshwayo.

"Our youth has been the shock troops of our struggle," he told the crowd, made up mainly of teenagers. "Our youth must be ready to demonstrate the same perfect discipline as the armies of (Zulu) King Shaka." He also praised the role of Natal's influential Indian

community in the fight against apartheid and condemned the spate of attacks against Indians in Durban.
"We are extremely disturbed by recent acts of vi-

olence against our Indian compatriots," he said. Mr Mandela went on to Bloemfontein to address expected to meet South Af-

home in Soweto. Tomorrow the first time in 27 years when he sets off to Lusaka for talks "We extend the hand of with the exiled ANC

Windowless world limits shanty-town horizons

From Gavin Bell, Crossroads, Cape Province

Selina Mbalo has a narrow perspective of the changing South Africa from her home without windows in Crossroads, a black settlement near

The view from her door is a sea of flimsy wooden and corrugated iron shacks -

squalor in a dusty wasteland. The wooden door is the most solid feature of what minorities are lost on Selina. Selina calls her "house". It is She has more immediate conan army tent, where she has been living leading years with here, winter is much too cold. We have blankets, but they get and sister-in-law, and a fluc-wet and every morning you tuating number of infants. wake up your head is very The new South Africa is a few sore." But she is happy Mr yards away, in a private development of small bungalows where a fortunate few have managed to rise above the deprivation.

The three types of abode represent the cycle of life in Crossroads. Squatters arriving from the tribal homelands build shacks in the shantytown, are evicted to make way for housing projects, and given tents until a low-cost home becomes available for

rent or purchase. It is the kind of environment where one might expect hostility towards whites in their affluent suburbs a few miles away but, apart from a few highly-politicized youths, bitterness is curiously absent.

Most are good-natured people with three priorities a decent place to live, a steady job, and a proper education for their children. The iming these goals is dimly goes to support his three house with windows."

perceived, and the mechanics children and nine sisters in his of power-sharing with whites hardly at all. It is enough that it out, and with hick and

power-sharing with whites are thought

Mandela is free, and has faith in Mr de Klerk: "Everybody is talking very well of Mr de Klerk, and maybe everything will be OK. He must look after the people." Her brother Jack says: "When you got money, you can make your life better, but when you got no money you can't do nothing. Too much of people don't work, so how can you have houses and shoes for your children? I think Mandela is a good man, and God must go with Mr de Klerk surely, so they can make

it better."

God's help all will be well. The complexities of ending

the state of emergency, releasing political prisoners, and constitutional guarantees for minorities are lost on Selina.

The mechanics of unimportant 9

native Transkei, but his tent is as clean and habitable as President de Klerk and Mr humanly possible. The "living Nelson Mandela are working room", curtained off from eping areas, has a couch with a hand-woven cover and a threadbare carpet. A vase of fish flowers sits on a side-

William Dumalisile earns roughly the same as a fork-lift driver, but he has fewer mouths to feed, and three years ago he scraped together £115 for a deposit on a twobedroomed bungalow a few steps from Jack's tent. The house is simply furnished, but comfortable and clean, a repclass white suburbs.

"It's a struggle, and there's nothing to spare, but Mr de Klerk made our dreams come true by letting Mandela out and now they're going to be busy and organizing every-thing right," he said.

"I think it's important every person should vote, because if you have a white man in power he will look only on his side, and if you have a black man he will look on his side, so you need the two to look after everybody."

Crossroads, the scene of savage factional fighting a few years ago, has a long way to go. Squatters' shacks were burnt to the ground last week. But the remarkable will to build rather than destroy survives.

Selina sweeps her carpet Most of Jack's monthly and lives in hope: "Maybe portance of politics in achiev- salary of £180 as a truck-driver now sometime we have a Election in Nicaragua

A confident Ortega courts US approval

From Charles Breamer

Under the gaze of a galaxy of foreign observers, ranging from former US President Jagger, Nicaragua's voters delivered their first democratic verdict yesterday on President Ortega, and on the Sandinista Government that has steered the country into revolutionary socialism and through a decade of civil war and conflict with the United

Whoever is proclaimed winner of the presidential and legislative elections after the count today, the contest is expected to redeem Nicaragua from its status as an outlaw in the US back yard and turn it into a more traditional impoverished Latin country eages for American assistance.

Señor Ortega, supremely confident of victory, spent the weekend telling foreign journalists that he envisaged an end to the Contra rebel army and rapid rapprochement with Washington once the vote confirmed the legitimacy of his Government. "It's time for a new chapter, for putting aside the quarrels, he said. Señor Ortega said he hoped

that President Bush would attend his inauguration; "The door is open to him."

A curious but typically Latin American paradox governed the campaign: the Sandinistas endlessly reviled the Yanquis as the source of all their evils while courting their approval. Not since the revolution 10 years ago have so many Americans and other foreigners been swarming round Nicaragua as they did this weekend.

In dusty villages and crumbling towns across this dirtpoor little state, citizens were bemused to find clusters of clip-board-wielding experts and other scrutineers with armbands whose presence testified to the extraordinary international interest in ensuring that they had a fair chance to choose between the Sandinistas and the motley American-backed coalition grouped behind Señora Violeta

uncertainties of voting in a actors and writers from Amer-remarkable success. The play-



experience made predictions hazardous. Voters swarmed to the polling stations in the early hours amid clear signs that the Sandinistas had marshalled a vast army of workers and fleets of lorries to ferry and in some streets of the capital, Managua, Sandinista People's Army lorries emblazoned with "Vote Daniel" stickers transported soldiers to polling

More than 6,000 foreigners were accredited as poll observers, one for every 270 eligible voters. Among them was a battalion of minor show-busiforeign left-wing groups also supervised the voting, among them a British "solidarity outfit that has painted an impressive mural bearing a slogan that Nicaraguans find in recent years as a respected somewhat puzzling: "No poll

Leading the poll monitoring were teams from the United Nations and the Organization of American States as well as 35 from Mr Carter's centre for peace studies in Atlanta.

The former President, who brought with him two dozen American congressmen and Chamorro. battalion of minor show-busi- other dignitaries, including Although opinion polls ness celebrities, including Mr Jim Wright, the former showed the Sandinistas heading for a clear victory, the Nicaraguan by birth), and the nine-month campaign a

quite level, but the opposition had been given the opportunity to get its message across. Mr Carter said.

Mr Carter, who has emerged

mediator, said that he was tax aqui (here)". concerned by the risk of tension in the aftermath of such an acrimonious race. The government party has consis-tently depicted Señora Chamorro's coalition as a band of traitors and fools selling out their country to the United

> Mr Elliot Richardson, the veteran former US Cabinet member who is heading the paign, a stamp of approval

though not free of significant flaws, the process has worked on the whole remarkably well," he said yesterday. Mr

hard to think of ways to beat

the system in these polls and

come up with a good scheme. "While it is unlikely that there will be even small instances of manipulation or fraud, it's even more unlikely that this will occur on any significant scale." Mr significant scale," Mr Richardson, a former Attorney General, said.

UN observer team, also gave Bush administration of-his imprimatur to the cam-ficials remain sceptical,

Italian fears of racial unrest as illegal immigrants return

From Paul Bompard, Rome

A ship carrying 54 illegal beginning to raise serious war between poor Italians and immigrants from Sri Lanka, social problems. Italians have Third World workers. yesterday afternoon, bringing them to the southern Italian port for the second time in five days.

The 48 men and six women, with no visas or money, were caught by the Italian police in the same port at 3am on Thursday. The authorities put them aboard a ship and sent them back to Patras, Greece, their last port of origin. But the Greek authorities

turned them back, and they have nowhere to go.

This group of would-be immigrants, dubbed by the Italian media as "the boat peoples of the Mediterranean" and "the commuters of despair" are the latest recruits to an army of illegal Third World Tunisia and Morocco. This workers in Italy which the

India. Bangladesh and Paki- always considered themselves stan sailed into Bari harbour non-racist. But for the first time in its history, Italy has a large non-white population, which has become increas-

> ingly conspicuous, even changing the character of some big-city areas. And while the arrival of cheap, unprotected labour has been welcomed by many, it should not be forgotten that Italy still has heavy un-

employment, a housing short-

age and insufficient social security. For many years Italy has been the easiest of the main European countries to enter. Border controls are lax, haphazard and confused, and no entry visa is needed from countries such as Algeria, has led to increasing tension

From a legal and political standpoint, race was ignored until recently. When Signor Claudio Martelli, the socialist Vice Prime Minister, presented a decree on immigration, suggesting alloting 15 per cent of public housing to foreigners, it was dropped.

The decree finally approved by Parliament last week passed after heated debate will, assuming it is approved by the Senate by February 28, "legalize" all those immigrants inside Italy before December 31, 1989, and establish annual quotas.

Opponents of this decree. both inside Signor Martelli's party and from other coalition parties, point out that it is irresponsible to take steps which will only encourage more immigration, when the European Community estiand occasional outbreaks of country is not capable of mates at 850,000, and which is racism. The great fear is of a taking care of its own citizens.

ister, a moderate, is plainly

uncomfortable with having to

rely on the Hindu party to

keep his government afloat.

Strains do exist, but there is

every possibility that the

Administration will survive.

WORLD ROUNDUP

400 arrested in Nepal protests

here and in other Nepalese towns vesterday as activists protested against what they described as three decades of repression under a system that forbids political parties. Witnesses said students, pro-democracy and pro-leftist activists, lawyers, journalists, professors and an MP were

arrested. The Government released no figures.

Padma Ratna Tuladhar, an arrested MP, said before the protests that the Government could not break up an alliance between banned left-wing and democratic parties. He said it would continue whatever dirty trick the panchayat (partyless) Government may play against our unity, he said. A government spokesman announced that 501 more people had been released after a recent wave of arrests. Twelve people have died in clashes with protesters.

No to hostage-taking

Nicosia (Reuter) - Ayatollah Muhammad Yazdi, the leading Iranian judge, was quoted yesterday as saying his country opposed hostage-taking, terrorism and hijacking "Iran opposes any form of hostage-taking, terrorism and air piracy because they are contrary to Islamic and humanitarian principles," he told the pro-government Englishlanguage Tehran Times. The newspaper called, in an editorial last Thursday, for the release of 17 Western betterned to the believe the statement of the release of 18 Western betterned to the statement of hostages believed to be held by pro-Iranian Hezbollah militants in Lebanon, Ayatollah Yazdi said Iran's commitment to Islamic revolution "is not tantamount to violation of international laws . . . and interference in domestic affairs of any country or the violation of its national sovereignty".

Bangladesh aid 'flaw'

The people of Bangladesh are getting poorer because large sums of foreign aid are being wrongly targeted, according to an Oxfam report published today (Michael Knipe writes). It argues that instead of devoting aid to heavily capitalized infrastructure projects such as railways, bridges and roads, aid should be concentrated on smaller self-help programmes. Bangladesh, with a population of 100 million, is one of Britain's biggest aid commitments - more than £40 million annually. But half is devoted to big development projects in which contracts go to UK firms, with the aid money never leaving British banks, the report says. There was also evidence that food-for-work programmes funded by the World Food Programme were flawed by corruption.

Kabul urges reform

Kabul (AFP) - President Najibullah of Afghanistan told Parliament yesterday that his People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan was unacceptable to the Mujahidin rebels in its present form and must be changed. Speaking at the opening session of Parliament in an underground hall at the Foreign Ministry here, he also said some sections of the Constitution must also go to conform to the new situation in the country. He pledged that the changes in the party would be submitted to the public and not just to the party membership for approval.

Plant sabotage theory

Ottawa - Eight employees of a nuclear power plant in southern New Brunswick were under medical care vesterday after consuming a drink spiked with radioactive heavy water (John Best writes). Officials of the plant at Point Le Presu near the Bay of Fundy coast suspect sabotage and have called in the police. Heavy water, used as a coolant in Canada's Candu nuclear-generating system, was substituted for drinking water to mix with lime crystals in making a dispenser drink. A routine urine test on Thursday revealed high levels of radiation among the eight.

China woos tourists

Peking (AFP) - China is to slash tourism prices in an attempt to lure back foreigners scared off by last June's crushing of the democracy movement. Tourism agencies are to give foreign visitors a 10 per cent discount during the peak season from April to November, and a 35 per cent cut from December to March 1991.

State polls will put Gandhi's party leadership to the test



Mr Gandhi: Under attack general election defeat.

leader of the Congress (I) Party is being severely tested as he braces for another blow to his prestige in crucial state elections tomorrow.

Cracks in the party have grown increasingly serious amid a stream of defections by senior and junior Congress leaders. There is widespread anger that Mr Gandhi has done nothing to rejuvenate the party after November's

Mr Rajiv Gandhi's survival as

From Christopher Thomas gress's towering authority The big western state of Gandhi does survive, the Pratap Singh, the Prime Min-Delhi comes from the rise of Hindu Maharashtra could fall to an party could suffer for want of ister, a moderate, is plainly polls in eight states across

northern and western India.

much-resented essionist movement in Kashmir, the only Muslimmajority state, has signifi-cantly boosted the popularity of the right-wing Hindu group, the Bharatiya Janata Party. It stands a good chance of seizing control of the powerful state of Madhya Pradesh and

fundamentalism, which looks alliance of the Bharatiya decisive leadership. certain to make a significant Janata Party and Shiv Sena advance after tomorrow's a pro-Hindu party based in Bombay, whose aggressive fundamentalism feeds on virulent anti-Muslim sentiment. India's 100 million Muslims view its advance with deep alarm.

The rising appeal of fun-damentalism stands in the way of the Congress party's struggle to regain its former pre-eminent position. Without the magic name of Gandhi the smaller state of Himachel at its head Congress would

Apart from testing Mr Gandhi's fortunes, the elections

will be a referendum on the National Front Government that took power in December. The Administration is an uneasy amalgam of opposites, with the right-wing Hindu party on one end and the communists on the other. each propping up the minority Janata Dal (People's Party) Government in Parliament.

The real power behind the Government is the Bharatiya The real challenge to Con- Pradesh, adjoining Kashmir. probably split. But even if Mr Janata Party. Mr Vishwanath

Various political permutations are being discussed if Congress does get a drubbing tomorrow. There is serious talk of a post-election realignment of centrist forces, embracing elements both of

Congress and Janata Dal, perhaps with the present

prime minister as its leader. Leading article, page 15

Algeria's 'revolution' has changed only the rhetoric

"Thank God that we had our revolution in 1988," said the senior government official in perfect French. Otherwise, with all the vivid images of popular revolt in Eastern Europe that have filled Algerian television screens, we would now have a real explosion on

our hands." Others in Algeria's biggest cities and towns would not go as far as to thank God for the week of serious rioting almost 17 months ago during which troops opened fire on rampaging youths, killing - on conservative estimates - several

hundred people. Nor is it certain that that rioting preciudes a far more serious explosion. The French Government is known to be very concerned about

the tinder-box atmosphere in this country which France once considered it would always govern.

French press reports claim that Paris might even consider some form of intervention if the delicate situation erupted into open strife. A political upheaval is a distinct

possibility on Thursday, when hardline socialists are expected to stage a determined challenge to recent economic reforms at a Central Committee meeting of the ruling National Liberation Front. The Front was formed to fight the brutal eight-year war of independence and, since victory in 1962, has created and presided over a socialist-style

one-party state. The old guard also wants to change the reformist-dominated Politburo elected in December.

The main problem for those who

took to the streets in 1988 is that been held. Not only the Governeverything, and nothing, haschanged since.

"If the rioting and killing had happened today in the wake of Eastern Europe," said an Algerian businessman, "the Government businessman, "the Governmen could not possibly have survived." To enable Algerians to absorb this truth as they watch popular upris-ings in Eastern Europe, what of-

ficials previously played down as "the events of 1988" have now been upgraded to "the 1988 revolution". The intention is to give Algerians the impression that they were ahead of their time. Their "revolution", however, is being conducted from the top. President Chadli has pushed through a new Constitution. On paper, the one-party state has gone, with 20 new political parties rec-ognized. But no elections have yet ment but also the National Assembly are wholly composed of Front President Chadli talks of the need

for national unity, and has put opposition figures in government. But Mr Hocine Ait Ahmed, an original Front leader now returned from exile, has publicly demanded that the assembly be dissolved and elections held.

The powerful armed forces, told

under the new Constitution to retire

to their barracks, have also let it be known that they will not stand by if the democratic process fails or the rising tide of Islamic extremism in Algeria becomes too powerful. Since the Islamic Salvation Front

became the only legalized Islamic party in the Maghreb, it has gathered behind it an ever-increasing tide of

supporters dissatisfied with their way of life. Friday sermons at the main Algiers mosques controlled by the Islamic Salvation Front, the the strongest opposition party, have appealed for unity among its

The youths who in 1988 ran wild in protest against unemployment, rising food prices and corruption are still waiting for someone to find them work and a place to live. With an Algerian wit that denotes the continuing blend of Arab and French culture, they are nicknamed the "hetistes" ("wallers"). The French suffix has been tacked onto het, the Arabic for "wall".

But wit cannot dissuise the disillusionment being so ably exploited by the Islamic Salvation Front Algeria's neighbours are fearful of the consequences.

Poll heralds showdown on Lithuania Moldavians get

From Anatol Lieven, Vilnius

A crisis is now looming in relations between Lithuania and Moscow, as the sweeping

According to Sajudis estito have expected indepen-mates, confirmed by official dence as inevitable and to sources, candidates backed by have voted accordingly for the the Movement have won 72 Sajudis. out of 90 deputies elected in cent. In the remaining constitbe held as no candidate won

Turn-out in Saturday's elections was around 75 per cent, with country areas tending to laz behind the towns.

The independent Communist Party of Lithuania did slightly better than these resuits might suggest, winning 22 seats so far. However, 13 of these are party members standing of the Sajudis ticket, ncluding Professor Eduardas Vilkas, a possible candidate

Budapest (AP) — Tweive of more than 50 political parties have wen sufficient electoral support to contest the first national multi-party elections in more than four decades in March, the Mai Nap news-

for Prime Minister. Mrs Kazimiera Prunskiene, presently deputy prime minister, failed to gain 50 per cent in her Vilnius constituency, it would seem mainly because of the large Polish and Russian population there, and she faces a run off.

Nine Social Democrats were elected on the Sajudis ticket, together with two Greens and two Christian Democrats. The remaining candidates were all "non party", and Sajudis leaders do not rule out that the Movement might soon transform itself into a party.

The nine Lithuanian Communists standing alone, who succeded without Sajudis backing include the president, Mr Algirdas Brazzitskas, and being deputies. the three other party sec-retaries. Mr Brazauskas has retaries. Mr Brazauskas has the Sajudis leader, yesterday won considerable popularity said that the Sajudis desires a in recent months for leading coalition government includthe party to break with the ing members of the Com-Soviet party and for his firm munist Pary of Lithuani. This formation of a new Lithuanot enough to save his party between nationalist com- with Moscow has to be cho- army. Sajudis leaders have republics have tended to In Estonia, nationalist "Citi-

The Communist remnant which remained with the CPSU won seven seats, almost victory of the Lithuanian Re-entirely it would seem through form Movement, Sajudis, in the support of the Polish, the weekend elections leave Russian and Byelorussian President Gorbachov little minorities. These form some grounds for hope that a show- 20 per cent of the population, down on concrete details on so this party might have independence can be delayed expected to do better, but a fair number of Russians seem

of 90 deputies elected in Mr Algis Ceknolis, the first round — or 82 per Sajudis leader, yesterday. In the remaining constitencies, a second round will elections by the voters of Snieckus as "a great victory". an absolute majority. Fortyfive of these will go to the polls
again on March 10, and six on
April 7.

The town is 92 per cent
Russian, mostly workers from
the nearby Ignalina nuclear
power plant. Last month, the popular local Russian Orthoas an independent, was transferred to a parish in Siberia. apparently at the instigation of

> simply stayed at home. According to Mr Ceknolise
> "If this tendency continues, it
> proves that the situation in Latvia and Estonia is not as hopeless as some have large Russian population there. Others, however, see the Snieckus boycott mainly as the product of local factors.

local CPSU secretary, people

The solidity of the Polish vote in favour of candiates opposed to Lithuanian independence is causing concern among observers. The Sajudis put up no Polish candidates, and contributed to the CPSU successes by putting up Lithuanian candidates even in areas such as Salcininkai, where they had no chance of victory.

A majority of Lithuania's 280,000 Poles are demanding the creation of their own autonomous republic in the Salcininkai area, a demand which has been rejected out of hand by the Sajudis.

A new interim government may be formed well before the new Supreme Soviet actually meets. When it does so, one of its first tasks may be to change the existing rule which pre-vents ministers from also Dr Vitautas Landsbergis,



Public choice: Mr Algirdas Brazauskas, Lithuania's Communist Party leader, casting his own ballot in Vilnius yesterday.

allowed to remain as Presi- which both sides agree on a dent, but in view of the scale of the Sajudis victory this is no longer clear. Sajudis leaders yesterday refused to commit themselves on the issue.

Talking of the "law of secession" coming before the Moscow Supreme Soviet, Dr Landsbergis: "We believe that this does not apply to Lithuania, and we must keep reminding Moscow of this." Sajudis deputies in Moscow are expected to boycott the vote there on the law

Dr Landsbergis said: "The goal of Sajudis is full independence, which means the exismay be bound by inter-national treaties with the Soviet Union, or Poland, or Sweden, or any other state.

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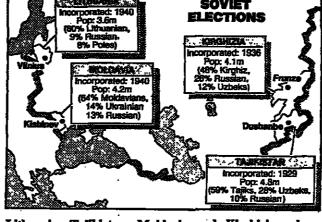
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realistic date for real independence. Another way would be to declare unilaterally formal and legal independence, simultaneously calling upon Moscow and the rest of the world to recognize and sup-He added: "First of all, we

foresee the unity of the Baltic states. It may counterbalance our eastern neighbourhood and provide an opening to the West and the Common Market. "It will not happen, how-

ever, as soon as Mr Gorbachov predicts by drawing nice tence of a separate state. It pictures of our 'common European home'. Common home with prison cells and isolated dirty rooms?"

Equally central to relations "After the elections and the between the new political order in Lithuania and the was, in fact, always obvious as nian government, a special Kremlin is the question of the Sajudis itself is a coalition delegation for negotiations conscription into the Soviet nia has meant that these Latvian Party from the CPSU.



Lithuania, Tajikistan, Moldavia and Kirghizia, where republic and local elections are being held.

of young Lithuanians who will took steps in this direction refuse to obey the draft begin- over the weekend. ning at the end of March.

Russians in Latvia and Esto- called for the separation of the

In Riga, a conference of pro-The presence of so many independent Communists has

a first taste of voting choice

From Nick Worrall, Kishinev, Moldavia

building in the Bubnovsky district of Kishinev, the capital of Soviet Moklavia. hummed with unaccustomed activity yesterday morning as voters crowded in for their first free election with a real choice of candidates.

Mrs Tamara Udovichenko, a senior teacher, bustled about in stiff white blouse and smart black skirt, proudly presiding over polling district number 33, as her school had become for the day. She chairs the electoral commission for Bubnovsky, which makes her the district returning officer.

"I've been chairman here for 20 years," she beamed. But I'm impressed that this time people have been coming to talk to the candidates. It's never happened before and the people are very enthusiastic." One third of the people included in her register had voted within the first four Elections in the Soviet

Union have been dreary affairs in the past, merely a public rubber stamp for the "suitable" candidates selected by the Communist Party. But, under President Gorbachev's democratic reforms, there is choice aplenty here in Moldavia where the people are electing a new Supreme Soviet, or parliament, for the republic, along with city and district councils.

Warm spring sun shone down on Bubnovsky, a neat, broad-avenued residential suburb of eastern Kishinev where the blocks of flats are set far apart and the tree-lined roads kept clean and tidy, astonishingly so to eyes accustomed to the grime of Moscow and Leningrad. Here, the voters could

choose from three candidates for the Supreme Soviet, eight for the city council and five and six for each of two district councils. The Moldavian Ponular Front, running on a platform of autonomy from Moscow leading to outright secession, is contesting 300 of all the seats in District 33.

munist Party - still the only one, as it was two miles away not officially nominate any where a poster of Lenin, stern candidates. It merely lent as ever, gazed down on voters. campaign support to those it Full results are expected

The small secondary-school party controls the media and building in the Bubnovsky Communist Party officials reject the notion that this was a multi-party election. But Popular Front workers scoff at this, saying the Communists will have cause to regret their arrogance when they sit as the minority in the Supreme Soviet. The other candidates are

independents, such as Mrs Valentina Morar, a machinefactory worker nominated by in her workers' co-operative. She has been campaigning on social issues — demanding a better deal for children aid the handicapped. She is worried about the environment but denies that she is a potential Green. "I have no antagonism to-

wards the Communist Party tralized," she explained, describing Popular Front plans for a separate Moldavian state as "unpredictable and dangerous".

There was no information on the voting slips or inside the polling stations to show the candidates' platforms or their party affiliations. The from entering the polling sta-tions but were allowed to appoint "trustees" to monitor the voting and the counts:

Polling station organization and behaviour — in three districts visited at random seemed immaculate with no police presence. Despite rumours of demonstrations over the past week, no trouble had been reported by early

The voting slips were printed in Russian mid Moldavian (Romanian). Pen-cils were supplied in curtained voting booths. Handicapped voters were allowed to vote at to collect their ballot papers. Voters planning to be out of town or otherwise unable to attend were allowed to vote in papers in sealed envelopes.

The voters could also buy the 380 Supreme Soviet seats, refreshments — a great in-leaving out districts with centive to turn out, since food heavy Russian, Ukrainian or is as scarce here as in Moscow other national populations, and the choice in the shops The Popular Front is fighting just as poor. So the queue for Il the seats in District 33. cakes, sausages, pies, stuffed apples, tarts and tea was a long political party permitted—did at Oktyabrysky, District 23,

Thousands join Moscow demonstration against Communist Party rule ring road. Where a degree of spontaneity Soviet Union had been bombarded with

From Mary Dejevsky Mescew

The first officially sanctioned mass demonstration by opposition groups in Moscow three weeks ago was almost a celebration of the novelty of demonstrating. The sun shone, there were children and laughter, and the chief targets of the marchers' placards were conservatives in Yesterday's pre-election demonstra-

tion, in contrast, was a serious political event which brought several hundred thousand people together in a concerted protest against Communist Party rule. The sky was leaden, the roads were rivers of mud, and the festive procession

of February 4 was replaced by a controlled promenade around one of the least prepossessing stretches of the inner

had marked the policing three weeks ago, and the venue was changed at the last moment to the historic Manezh Square at the Kremlin Wall, yesterday nothing was left to chance. Every lorry in Moscow must have

been requisitioned to form a barricade or a potential barricade. A complicated one-way system operated through central Moscow, much of which was closed to traffic altogether. Few buses were running, the Kremlin and Red Square were inaccessible. And around the vast Manezh Square, police stood at ten yard intervals along the pavements. Such was the fear of an attempt to storm the citadel of Soviet power.

At the starting points of the demonstration — outside the Stalinist

"Gothic" tower of the Foreign Ministry and at the gates of Gorky Park - lines of police stopped the traffic and funnelled the tide of pedestrians onto the ring road. The closest underground stations were

Washington (AP) - David Goldfarb, a noted Soviet refusentk, died on Saturday of heart failure at George Washington University Hospital, his son said. Goldfarb, aged 71, left the Soviet Union in 1986 after Mr Armand Hammer, the US industrialist, arranged for his release Obituary, page 16.

shut. On the ring road itself, at either end of the route, stood ranks of police in metal helmets, with riot shields and long black truncheons in their hands.

For two weeks, the people of the

ever louder warnings of trouble on February 25. All central organs of power, from the Supreme Soviet (parliament), through the Central Committee, to the Council of Ministers had spoken of the risks of extremist provocations and established the intent of the authorities to keep order "within what is permissible by law".

On Friday evening, the Prime Min-ister, Mr Nicolai Ryzhkov, gave a television interview in which he warned of the risks of extremist provocateurs formenting violence.

Yesterday, many of the thousands who braved the warnings and transport difficulties to reach the inner ring road, complained bitterly of the campaign of "bluff and blackmail" with which the authorities had tried to keep them away. The organizers complained of inaccurate and inconsistent information being given about the venue. Three weeks ago Radio Moscow had invited "everyone. who favours reform" to join the rally: yesterday morning radio and television were silent on the subject, concentrating instead on Russian Shrovetide festivities, the traditional end of winter.

"Bluff" and "blackmail", however, were some of the milder accusations levelled at the authorities yesterday. While Mr Yegor Ligachov, held to be the leader of the conservatives in the Politburo and the Defence Minister, General Dmitri Yazov, were the bogeymen of the last demonstration, this time their names were barely mentioned. The mood and the slogans were almost all directed against the party itself. "Down with the party en bloc", "Power to the people, not to the party" were common In the middle of the dully-dressed

crowd, was a young mother with a prant, The baby inside had a small wooden icon placed beside his head to keep himsafe - such was the fear that the afternoon would end in violence. By 3pm, however, the last speaker was announced and the crowd then dispersed sombrely, but peacefully. As they reached the entrance of the reopened. underground station, three stout Russian women with large fur hats and matching collars went up to the line of police, pointed to their truncheous, and shook their hands warmly - for having stood back and let the protest happen.

East Germans pick line-up for elections

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin, and Ian Murray, Bonn The three main East German ary president and former West under the wheels" - a ref- together of the two Ger- office, he has often said that

Herr Böhme said that a

try to rival the existing super-

powers. He told delegates that the party would hold a con-

political parties have now chosen the candidates who will lead their list in the election on March 18. Their party conferences showed that the Social Democrats (SPD) are much better organized than the Christian

have failed to create an effective alliance of the right. The communists will be led by Herr Hans Modrow, the nsitional Prime Minister, who has decided to stay with the party even though he knows that in consequence he stands virtually no chance at

Democrats (DDR-CDU), who

Both the SPD and the CDU say they expect a coalition government will be formed after the election, but both ruled out participation of the communist party, though it

At the end of the Social Democrats' founding congress yesterday, they began what looks like being a triumphant election campaign by setting out a timetable for German unity and promising that they would avoid a mere annexing of the country to West

closer links with the West train of East German unity is German election would then Chancellor in 1974 after an Honecker, who will face trea-German SPD by choosing rolling along the tracks. We follow in the annum to East German spy was discov-son and corruption charges

head. Herr Brandt, who that the transition to unity brought inter-German rela-would cause economic hardtions out of the Cold War ship in the East. during his Chancellorship in the early 1970s with his policy of Ostpolitik stood beside the leader of the East German SPD, Herr Ibrahim Böhme, on the balcony of Leipzig's ference of the four allied

all of being in the new

has been reformed in the past three months.

The congress also forged Herr Willy Brandt, its honor- must make sure nobody falls achieve "an orderly growing cred to be working in his next month.



Heading into the fray: Herr Modrow, left, will be leading the communists, and Herr Bohme the Social Democrats.

chanting "Willy, Willy".

above the throng, and many

people held banners praising Brandt, one reading "Where there's a Willy, there's a way." Herr Brandt said that "the

city hall to be saluted by powers and the two Gercrowds of tens of thousands manies in April to discuss the security aspects of unity and West German flags fluttered proposed that a German unity council, headed by Herr again" and dismissed fears Brandt, be set up in May to

draft a constitution in line with that of West Germany. A referendum and a pan-

German leader, as its figure- erence to East German fears manies," Herr Böhme said. The star of the weekend was undoubtedly Herr Brandt, who was also given a warm

welcome in the Saxony town united Germany should not of Zwickau, now regarded as one of the most aggresively anti-communist areas of East Germany. He called on the crowd of 40,000 to "pursue change with restraint" and not per cent lead in the polls. to take out their anger on the Soviet troops stationed in the

Calls for the 380,000 troops stationed in East Germany to leave are growing louder by the week, with Soviet garrisons reporting aggression from local people, who see the Soviet oppression.

Herr Brandt, who has emerged from semi-retire- corruption of the former rement to assume the mantle as adviser and trouble-shooter for the Social Democrats in the East, is unafraid to play the nationalist card, which has the former leader, Herr Erich formerly been the strength of his Christian Democrat oppo-nents. He invited the rally to look forward to the day "when we can be among ourselves that a unified Germany would

be too strong, saying to cheers:
"That is our problem." Removed from his post as bank accessible only to Herr

his own fate is bound up with

Herr Böhme, a historian who has emerged swiftly to lead the SDP in the East, said yesterday that he was confident that it would be the SPD who would would negotiate the unity of Germany. The party curtrently has a 53

As the Social Democrats returned from Leipzig to their new headquarters in East Berhin to plan for victory, the communists ended their preelection congress in decidedly less jubilant mood. The party has lost more

than half of their two million members since November. Despite the party's attempts to shake off its past, the gime continues to taint its new

The Public Prosecutor's Office confirmed yesterday that Honecker, is being investigated for syphoning off money paid for the release of political prisoners in the East by the Bonn Government

The money, totalling 75 million Deutschmarks (£26 million), was allegedly held in an account in the foreign trade Letter from Budapest

Milking the past for cash

the collapse of communism. Hungarians have discovered that their country's own Stalinist past can generate muchneeded hard currency.

Sales are already starting to boom. At a sprawling flea market on the outskirts of Budapest, far from the usual tourist haunts, West Europeans can be seen on the prowl for kitschy communist collectables. They sift through old nails, used toasters and dusty Art Deco lamps for red stars, busts and statues of Lenin in all sizes and poses, and discarded uniforms of the disbanded Workers' Militia, considered at one time to be the private army of the Hungarian communist party.

There are drawers full of red stars on belts. buckles, badges and caps, as well as a good supply of old watches with red stars on the face. "Are you a communist?" asks a dealer. "That's all over now," he adds, as if to emphasize, like a Sotheby's catalogue, the rapidly appreciating historical value.

Perhaps the sellers had read an article in the newspaper Magyar Hirlap about a West German antique dealer who arrived in Budapest with a long shopping list of communist memorabilia. According to the paper, a large red star would fetch up to DM4,000 (£1,400), with similarly high prices for Lenin statues - a premium to be paid for bronze additions - and emblems from the former People's Republic of Hungary.

t seems that the selling fever is contagious. Even Mrs Maria Kadar, wife of the late leader Janos Kadar, is rumoured to be considering parting with her husband's collection of china vases, hunting rifles and a model railway. Although the proceeds will be funnelled into an educational fund or a Kadar museum, the official state office for antiquities

weeks if it will get into the business for profit. There is certainly a lot of stock around. Tens of thousands of red stars, symbol of socialist solidarity ordered by Stalin, were removed from schools, government buildings and water towers since Hungary adopted a new law last

year banning party emblems on public buildings. However, passionate collectors will not get their hands on the biggest prize of all — the one-tonne red star which once sat on the top of Parliament. It has been safely stored away in the building's cellar awaiting eventual place-

ment in a museum, although huge sums have

reportedly been offered for it. t the Hungarian National Museum they also scoff at any idea of auctioning its collection of socialist realist works of art, which number about 70 important paintings and sculptures, including a 6ff aluminium model of the infamous Stalin statue which was toppled and hacked to bits by angry demonstrators during the 1956 uprising

The Defence Ministry appears more willing to part with the past, offering for sale a large selection of some 400 late model Soviet tanks - T34s, T54s and T55s - at the bargain price of just eight forints (7p) per kilo, to be sold in pieces or whole. About 15 have found buyers, including a West German museum and Hungarian road haulage firm. They could even be used in films," the ministry said.

But lovers of the communist art genre will be disappointed to learn that, according to latest reports, the biggest Lenin statue, which was "temporarily" removed for renovation last June, will never appear in public again.

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CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

Trial casts doubt on end of Ceausescu repression

From Tim Judah, Bucharest

The trial of 38 young people caught inside the Government's headquarters after it retary of Rompres station was stormed a week ago has cast doubt on whether Romania's system of justice has changed much since the fall of the statement should have said: "The 38 suspected (

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The 38 were convicted late order offences. Eleven were jailed for up to six months while the rest were fined or given other penalties.

One observer at the trial said: "It's a complete sham; so many legal errors have been made that this trial is totally null and void."

The observer, who does not and to be identified because he fears for his safety, said the most flagrant violation of the law was that the charges were changed half-way through the

longer had any validity. Thus they switched the charges to other public order offences. This meant that the original written testimonies given by the witnesses were for different offences - and so no longer valid. However, they still proceeded with the trial."

This point and other alleged irregularities were discussed in detail in yesterday's edition of Romania Libera, widely believed to be the only truly independent daily national newspaper. By contrast Adevarul — which used to be Scinteja, the Communist utive political committee, Party paper - reported none of these doubts. Neither did

error, Rompres, the state news agency, reported that General Mihai Chitac, the Minister of the Interior has told Romania's provisional Parliament that the 38 had been convicted too witness in trial of four four were. In a telephone interview ousted regime.

into both French and English ... the statement should have said: 'The 38 suspected of being guilty' not 'found guilty'.

General Chitac was unavailable for comment but Mr Mircea Dinescu, the former dissident, who was in Parliament, said he believed the fault lay with Rompres.

Despite this error there is a widespread belief in Bucharest that those on trial were innocent scapegoats. Many people think that the real troublemakers - those who broke windows and doors - were never arrested.

Octavian Farcasanu, aged 20, one of the 38 who was convicted, said: "I just went. He said: "Originally they were accused of parasitism' into the building out of curiosity. Later I was arrested and behaviour which didn't knocked unconscions. Under conform with 'socialist arrest, I was never allowed to call my family or a lawyer, I trial the prosecutor must have was only charged after 72 realized that such charges no hours instead of the statutory

> He says he intends to appeal against his conviction and

The Government appears to be consolidating its hardline law-and-order crackdown. Late on Friday, the National Salvation Front-dominated Parliament agreed on new penalties for public order offences, including illegal entry into government buildings. Officials held: Three top officials of the former Romaman regime, all members of the Communist Party exechave been arrested and will be tried for complicity in geno-Romanian television.

Meanwhile, in what appears
to have been a spectacular of the three, Mr Paul error, Rompres, the state news

Niculescu Mizil, had been named Secretary of State for Co-operatives on December 24, after the overthrow of Ceausescu, and was a prosecution witness in the first public trial of four figures of the

Sofia protest at slow retorm pace

Sofia (Rester) — More than their automatic right to rule 80,000 Bulgarians, frustrated and begun talks with the oncewith the slow pace of reform, yesterday staged the largest anti-Communist protest since the ousting of Mr Todor Zhivkov, the veteran leader, in November.

The crowd, which packed a square and side streets near party headquarters in Sofia, waved banners with slogans such as "Enough nightmares!" and "Liberty, freedom, jus-tice!" Others chanted "Down with the Bulgarian Communist Party".

Leaders of the opposition Union of Democratic Forces (UDF), which had organized the rally, were cheered by a growing crowd of all ages as they called for an end to Communist rule.

Bulgaria's new Communist tears", Mr Havel stopped two-leaders, who ousted Mr thirds short. "There will be Zhivkov less than four months ago, have renounced this time," he said.

banned opposition groups.

But the UDF, which unites 13 leading opposition groups, says the party is dragging its feet over much-needed economic reforms and delaying changes needed to give the opposition a fair chance in the country's first free elections in four decades, due in late May. • PRAGUE: President Havel of Czechoslovakia addressed: crowd of around 100,000 people from the balcony of the Kinsky Palace - where 42 years earlier the country's first Stalinist president, Klement Gottwald, announced the end of democratic government in the country (AFP reports).

Paraphrasing Churchill's promise of "blood, sweat and sweat flowing, but no blood

Syria blames Aoun

Damascus (AFP) - General Michel Aoun was behind a gunboat attack on Baroness-M, a passenger ferry off Lebanon, which killed a passsenger and wounded 25 other people, Syria's official Sana news agency has claimed, quoting foreign media sources in Cyprus.

Crewmen and passengers on the Baroness-M, as well as Cyprio police, said a Syrian warship had shelled the ferry, which was heading from Larnaca in Cyprus to the Lebanese Forces-controlled port of Jounieh, north of Beirut.

The trial in Iraq of a British

nurse and an Iranian-born journalist on spying charges has been postponed for two weeks, the British Foreign Office said.

Pertini dies Rome (Reuter) - Sandro Pertini Italy's former President who won the respect of

the nation, died yesterday,

Obituary, page 16 Ceasefire deal

Port Moresby (Reuter) - The Papua New Guinea Government has negotiated a ceasefire with secessionist rebels on the South Pacific island of Bougainville.

Shuttle retrial

Cape Canaveral (Reuter) -Nasa has prepared the space shuttle Atlantis for another launch today, hoping the problem which grounded the shuttle 31 seconds before blast off has been solved.

Spy trial delay Ship protest

Copenhagen (AP) — Anti-nuclear activists tried to prevent a British aircraft carrier from entering Copenhagen harbour on Saturday.

Victims freed Bogotá (Reuter) - Guerrillas freed two Americans they

abducted early last week to protest against President Bush's visit to Colombia.

Poll failure Athens - Parliament has

failed again to elect a new Greek head of state to succeed President Sartzetakis. Minister out Karachi - Miss Benazir

Bhutto, the Prime Minister of

Pakistan, has removed Mr Qaim ali Shah, the Chief Minister of Sind province. Twins are 100

Carpentras (Reuter) - French twin sisters have celebrated their 100th birthdays in this southern French town.

Bush and Kohl agree on German status in Nato

Continued from page I in this way. Everyone is now coming along with us."

At Camp David Mr Bush said the US considered the existing borders of Germany and Poland to be inviolable. Herr Kohl said that the border question was a matter that had to be settled by a freely-elected parliament of both German states. But he ackowledged that Germany had a "certain history", had to take account of the fears of its neighbours. He insisted: "Nobody has any intention of linking the question of national unity with changes of existing borders,"

Asked repeatedly by reporters about fears that a united resurgent military power, Herr Kohl retorted sharply that this is not 1945, this in Germany could become a

1990". He said that for 40 years West Germany had demonstrated its commitment to democracy and stability, and that in 1983 he had personally risked his political career by accepting US nuclear weapons on German soil. He asked not to be lectured about reliability, and also insisted that Ger-many had no desire to develop its own nuclear capability.

He stressed Germany's desire for much closer integration of Europe, recalling the isolation of the pre-war Weimar Republic, saying "We don't wish to repeat the



Herr Helmut Kohl, left, the West German Chancellor, outlining his vision of one Germany to President Bush and Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State

errors of history." He added: pean Community as an "indemocracies in Europe and European civility", he also French desire for caution, he North America ... are of called for expanded and accels said he believed the Nato fundamental importance for crated European integration peace and security. This is true beyond economic and mone-now, this will be true in the tary union to political union. future." Describing the Euro- Mr Bush made no secret of his

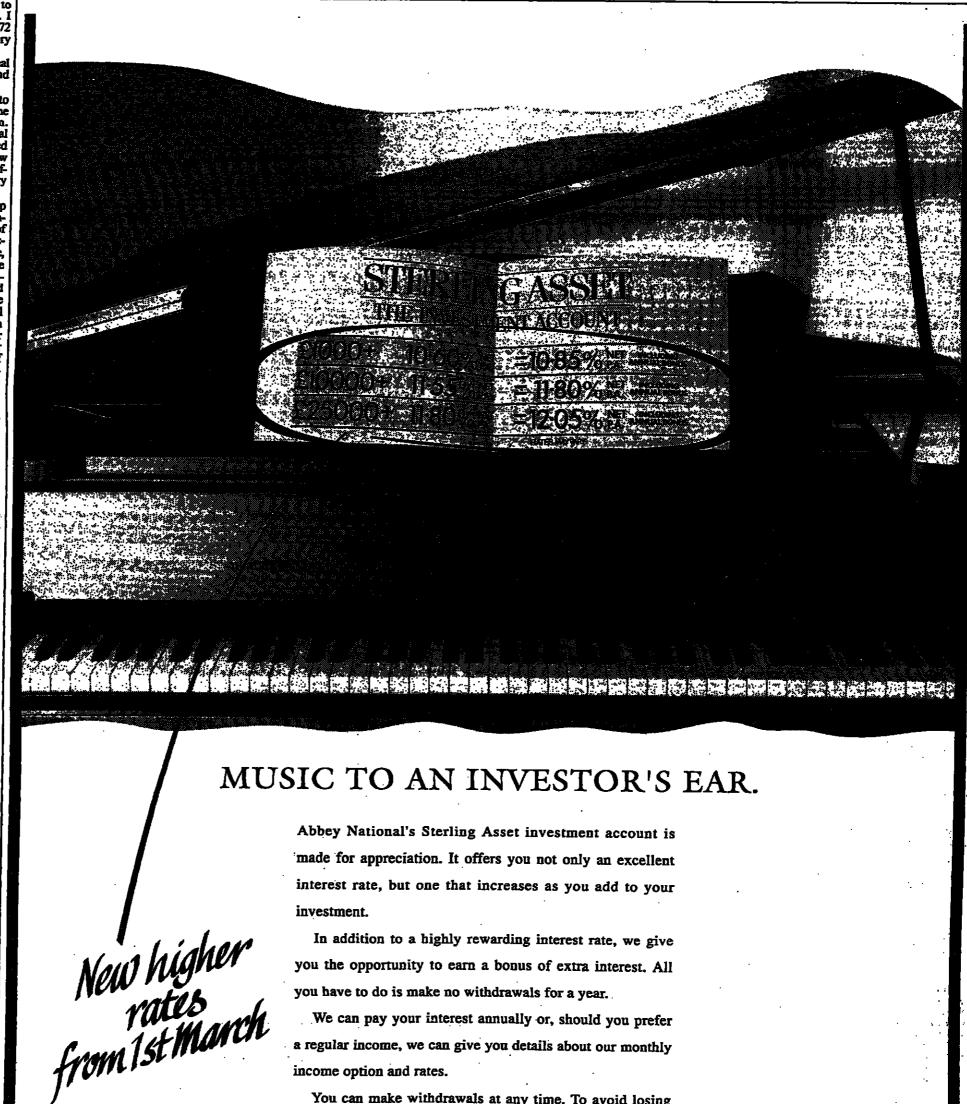
enthusiasm for reunification. The alliance of the free dispensable anchor of Asked about the British and said he believed the Nato allies would "rejoice" in what he and Herr Kohl had agreed. There were 'nuances of dif-

main point was that there was "so much common ground". Mr Bush said that, having spoken to Mrs Thatcher, he

intended to speak to President Mitterand of France later Both leaders spoke warmly

of the frankness of their discussions and of the growing strength of US-German

relations. By doing so they implicitly underscored the cooling of relations between London and



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The super-spy who went West



for the godless: but when Joseph Stalin (second from left) died, Oleg Gordievsky took his first steps on the path to defection. Others in this photograph are (from left) Voroshilov, Bulganin, Molotov, Malenkov, Beria, Kaganovich and Popos

eyes and a quick smile. Only the eyes would mark him out a crowd. Sitting in a nondescript London hotel and recall-

ing a decade as a double agent, Oleg Gordievsky is coming a little further in from the cold. Gordievsky was not, of course, just any double agent. He was the

defected from Soviet intelligence to Britain, and one of the most mportant western spies inside the KGB of the entire post-war era.

Five years ago, he crowned this achievement by escaping from under the noses of his suspicious colleagues and making his way, with British help, from Moscow to e then Cordievelo has toured the western world as a Soviet-watching adviser to its leading statesmen. He has helped brief British diplomats dealing with Gorbachov.

It is said that the KGB operation in London has still not completely recovered from the expulsions which followed his defection. He had earlier tipped off his British controllers about an approach to the Soviets made by Michael Bettaney, a middle-rank-ing MI5 officer who is now serving a 23-year prison sentence as a result. The red-handed catch allowed the Foreign Office to expel Arkady Gouk, the KGB station head or rezident. That made way for Gordievsky to be promoted, in 1985, into the job as head of all KGB operations in Britain - a country where, as he makes clear, Moscow has a long shopping list of secrets it wants.

For the KGB," he says now, "the most important target is the United States and Nato. Britain is an important ally and number two or three in Nato. There are other reasons for its importance: it is a major industrial, technical and trade power in Europe, it is in a strategically important location, and it has good armed forces, especially the Navy."

Gordievsky's picture of British intelligence as seen through the eyes of the KGB strikes a very different note to the sequence of dismal failures, from Philby to Blunt. He was serving in Copenhagen in 1973 when he made the decision to start working for the West. He had to decide who he would feel safest with.

Three KGB rezidents in Copenhagen had served in London. "None of them." he says, "ever suggested or expressed any idea that there might be a penetration of the British intelligence community. It didn't occur to me that Britain was not safe. On the contrary, all those experienced officers had an inferiority complex towards the British services."

Perhaps Gordievsky's most significant revelation was that, in ne early 1980s, the old men in the Kremlin genuinely believed that Nato was readying a pre-emptive nuclear strike. "They feared that if the West depoloyed its Pershings - which could reach Moscow in six or seven minutes [from bases in West Germany] then we would be finished."

Gordievsky's information probably helped soften the western line towards the Soviet Union (and particularly Ronald Reagan's "evil empire" rhetoric) just as Mikhail Gorbachov was coming

The stationing of cruise and Pershing missiles in western Europe had made a far more profound impact at the heart of

- until Gordievsky told them about "Operation Ryan". So great had been the Kremlin's panic that KGB and GRU (military intelligence) officers in all Nato capitals had been ordered to report every fortnight on signs of unusual military or political activity which indicated that an attack might be in preparation. Gord-ievsky himself sent the Ryan order to the KGB station in London.

Only when Gordievsky was first posted to London, in late 1982, could he bring documents which finally corroborated his story.

As with all espionage, an exact audit of the value of a single spy is impossible. Gordievsky himself makes no grand claims and is still guarding most of his operational secrets. He would clearly like to be remembered as a political analyst who educated both sides of the divide which he crossed.

He describes himself as both a bureaucrat and a scholar and is methodical in his answers and effortlessly precise about dates. But the passion rises slowly to the surface. As he recreates the past, he punches the air with a fist and wipes imaginary sweat from his brow. He sees himself, I think, as a soldier in an unseen army of Russians who have fought a long, wearying campaign to reclaim their society and culture from the gigantic self-deception of com-

"It's *incredible* that millions and millions of people in the Soviet Union were indoctrinated in that nonsense

all the time. Manifest nonsense!" I ask him if he has any regrets. He tilts his head towards the ceiling and shuts his eyes. "No. None at all," he replies.

But he is emerging into the half-ight to try to lift one last shadow. When he escaped from Moscow, he was forced to leave Leila, his wife, and Maria and Anna, his two daughters, and he still cherishes hopes of seeing them again. He blames himself for making a mistake in his endgame. "My only regret is that I was not clever enough to bring them with me."

As we talked, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union was dismantling its own monopoly of power. The long trajectory of disillusion travelled by the people of the Soviet Union is exactly mirrored in his own life. He was born in 1938; Stalin's terror had recently closed in. Anton, his father, was a political commissar with KGB troops. "He was a person for whom the party was a god. It was something without failure, without mistakes. To say something

against the party was a sin."
But the infection of doubt was already present in the Gordievsky family. Oleg's father, strict disciple of the party from 1919 onwards, concealed from it throughout their lives that his wife was (as her son put it) an "ordinary sceptical Soviet citi-zen". The young Gordievsky watched and listened as adults struggled to make sense of the

contradictions of Stalinism. "From 1936 to 1938, their relatives, their friends, numerous other people around them kept disappearing." Gordievsky says.

"My parents argued all the time." But while the state was busy eliminating dissent from public life and work, it could not place informers in every family. Gordievsky's mother was in turn secretly backed up by her own



Working inside the KGB, Oleg Gordievsky was one of the West's most important spies of the post-war era. Now he has written his own view of the Soviet Union's past, present and future. Over the next three

days you can read his remarkable story. Today, he tells George Brock of the doubts and

disillusionment that led him to defect in 1985

mother, a doughty Russian peasant who lived with them. "My grandmother would say: Look at those poor peasants. Why

were all the horses and cows taken away from them? Such a nonsense. They were so happy with their animals. They produced everything. Now in 1933 and 1934 it was famine as a result of that terrible blood-letting."
Her husband, Oleg's grand-father, had been a landowner's

servant and had managed to accumulate enough money to buy his lifelong dream, a little water mill, in 1927. The following year it had been confiscated from him because he was alleged to be a hated kulak, an independent peasant farmer.

It was a running battle in the Gordievsky flat. "My father was often irritated and angry. He had to somehow reject everything...
If he had once opened himself to
the criticism, the doubt would have grown all the time.

"There was a slogan: 'The KGB never makes mistakes'. Like the Pope. My father and the party members, they believed in it." But after the Second World War, as the young Gordievsky went to school, the ominous signals kept crowding in. It was impossible not to notice that the party's heroes, whose thoughts were carefully studied by Gordievsky senior for his work in the KGB training schools, kept vanishing from sight.

They lived in a block of KGB flats in Moscow. "Every night a car or a lorry would come. Somebody would come up the stairs. And the whole block would be awake, listening to the steps. Who was it for this night? And this was a block belonging to the

He noticed that as a precaution his father had blanked out the faces and names of the party's fallen angels in his political theory books. Officers from the gulag would visit the flat for supper. It turned out that they guarded prisoners who had not been so careful with the pictures in their books. "It showed that there was strange world outside, a world of thousands of prisoners."

On the day of Stalin's death, the oung Gordievsky was twiddling the dial of the radio and by accident hit on a broadcast by Radio Liberty, the American-financed station broadcasting from Munich. "They started to talk about the greatest criminal in the history of mankind."

He was mystified. Recalling this random thunderbolt, his voice drops to a whisper. "Who was this? Stalin." The radio began to talk of millions of executions at the hands of the man whose grand funeral preparations were, that day in 1953, paralysing Moscow. "It was a piece of another world."

Three years later, his father brought home another secret: a copy of Kruschev's speech denouncing Stalin's crimes. The 17year-old Gordievsky read it twice that night and knew parts of it by

Passport to power: Oleg Gordievsky's "Committee for State Security" (KGB) identity card, valid from December 31 1985, identifying him as a Lieut Colonel occupying the post of "senior assistant to the head of the department." Signed by the KGB deputy chairman, it "permits the owner to keep and carry firearms"

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heart throughout the 20 years that the party officially denied that it had ever been made.

He had dreamt of being a diplomat. His older brother was by then a KGB "illegal", an undercover agent using false identities for work abroad. He persuaded Oleg to try for the more exciting KGB. Gordievsky persuaded himself that the Committee for State Security was in the



After attending university he joined an empire within an empire: 400,000 officers inside the Soviet Union, along with 200,000 border

troops. Sixty thousand KGB personnel, according to Gordievsky, still work in Moscow alone. Quite apart from the perks, ranging from an elite uniform to reserved hospitals, he gained new insights into the world outside Russia. He joined the First Chief Directorate, the small but powerful department running the KGB outside Soviet borders.

He began by running "illegals" from Moscow headquarters and later in Scandinavia. As he worked his way up the vast machine, he gradually acquired new pieces of the puzzle: six months as a diplomatic trainee in Berlin, with the opportunity to watch West German television. In 1966 he went to Denmark. Many years later, his voice still rises in excitement as he describes the psychological earthquake that

abroad which said too much.

Officers crowded into the two rooms where the British desk was housed to listen to the BBC broadcasts. A ceaseless stream of calls came from on high, demanding fresh details. The London station notched up a miserable failure by failing to send a single telegram about the seizure of the islands for three days, entirely missing the fact that a major conflict was underway.

"huge scandal" when he finally arrived in London in 1982. Aided by his British handlers, he upgraded the reporting which Moscow received from its British listening post. He overturned conventional wisdom by correctly predicting that Mrs Thatcher would be re-elected with a large majority in 1983 and, later, advised Moscow not to pin too many hopes on the miners' strike. He also wrote the briefings for Gorbachov's first visit to London in 1984.

In January 1985, he was summoned to Moscow for the round of briefings which confirmed him as the next London rezident. Thus

just something pretended.
"Everybody in the Soviet system was told, 'It's all pretence, a façade, it doesn't exist'. But there it was, all working, and beautifully working, in the Scandinavian countries." Before, he had doubted, but not rejected, Marxism. His final loyalties snapped with the invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968. He began to live a private life in his own mind while registering the exterior of a while maintaining the exterior of a high-rising intelligence officer.

struck his beliefs. "It was tremen-

dous. The prosperity. The brilliant organization of life. Libraries. Books. Flats full of books. Free-

dom and democracy really, not

He was posted to Denmark in the early 1970s. He had told himself that he would report the truth to Moscow to "open the eyes of the Soviet leadership".

But he realized that he was deceiving himself he had to face the possibility of changing sides, and all the risks that that entailed. He made his decision. Reasoning that he would be more highly valued by Britain than by the United States, he approached the British in Copenhagen. His work for MI6 was regular by 1974.

Back in Moscow in the late 1970s, he schemed to be shifted to the British desk and succeeded. He had just been through a "very tense and nervous time" as the internal search for the leak which had blown two KGB agents in the Norwegian foreign ministry went up and down the First Chief Directorate. Gordievsky, who is said to have helped the Norwegians in identifying Gunvor Haavik and Arne Treholt as spies, did not come under suspicion because he was not supposed to know about Norwegian operations. He had exploited the tendency of bureaucracies everywhere to create work to justify existence. Too many deskbound KGB officers in Moscow were sending too many cables

Now came a further struggle to elbow his way into the London KGB station; these, he says, were the years of hardest work. He made his own contribution to the KGB's education about Britain. The Falklands conflict fascinated Moscow, "They were saying, 'Ah, now the lesson will be given to the arrogant British. They will be badly beaten.' I was actually quite cheeky and said to them, 'Why not the other way round?

Gordievsky capitalized on this

far he had been in charge of the personal ciphers and to the cableand the recruitment of

He had told MI6 that he wanted to work in the embassy for two or that it will lead back to him. After Gordievsky was running

no more than a few weeks when a cable summoned him to Moscow. "I was in a cold sweat all over my body. My intuition told me a was bad. But I had no proof. Logically it was OK." He went.



It was instantly clear that he was under suspicion. He believes that it was not only an accumulation of leaks but some more specific tip - only days before he was recalled - that alerted Moscow. His flat and telephone were bugged and his movements shadowed; his wife

and children were bundled back from London to join him. He had planned escape contingencies from the beginning; he now studied them in earnest He sent all his family out of Moscow for a long weekend. He made a series of appointments across Moscow during the week-end, none of which he kept. Packing a toothbrush and essen-

tials in a plastic bag, he headed for nearby woods at a walk. Oace in them, he simply ran, hard and fast. He knew KGB surveillance to be good, but he also calculated that because the watchers drank too much they would not have the energy to chase him far. He had also noticed that they were not bothering to keep him tailed every minute of the day. On the other side of the woods, he bought a shopping bag for his luggage and began the dangerous — and still

secret - part of his journey to the Why had he done it al? "I thought to belp the West it best. Developments in the soviet Union were so sad. It was impossible to save Russia from com-munism. It was lost, the beautiful, old Russia. The beautiful eccentrics, the beautiful charches and sects, the variety of political parties, the fantastic art at the beginning of the century, It was all lost forever.

"But as a superpower it was growing. It looked as if I could help save western civilization. If I could help them, at least there the real life will remain. This was my

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The closing of Russian minds: Gordievsky on the isolation of an empire

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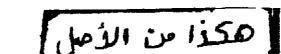
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One voice against the Mob

Why did a grandmother spend four years studying godfathers? James Bone meets Claire Sterling, an expert on the "totalitarian dictatorship" of the Mafia

determined eyes, her radiant skin, her quick step and upright stance: Claire Sterling is one of those irrepressible journalists driven by the energy of disillu-Signed idealism

A child of the Depression, she saw her father, a wellheeled New York leather merheeled New York leather mer-chant of Russian stock, book, which has just been crippled by the economic published in Britain. In Amerdownturn. Like many of her ica it was published as Octogeneration, she turned to the pus, a slang name for the Communist Party. With the Sicilian Mafia (La Piovra in Cold War just beginning, the Italian - also the title of one of party quickly found her a job as a trade union organizer and set about using her to consolidate its power.

"My experience in the trade union movement, watching and sophisticated Latin the manipulation at work, was very shocking to me, so there was a quick break between me and the communists," Sterling says, "But it was an invaluable political experience. It gave me the possibility to understand how things worked behind the scenes in ways it is difficult for an outsider to know." As a result, much of the rest of her life has been spent unravelling great conspiracies.

She moved to Italy in the early 1950s and among the books to issue from the hilltop retreat in Tuscany she shares with her novelist husband (nearest neighbour Germaine Greer) have been for totally criminal purposes. an investigation of the at-tempted assassination of Pope John Paul II, which she attributes to a convoluted plot by the Bulgarian Secret Ser-vice and Turkish organized

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ou can see it in her determined eyes, KGB, and a study of the labyrinthine world of international terrorist groups.

Now 70, bronzed and quick thinking, Sterling says with conviction: "I really don't have a passionate love of conspiracy... but I know a conspiracy when I see one." That much is clear simply

Italy's most successful television series, a soap opera of Mafia life). In the fast-paced prose of a veteran reporter, it recounts how a gang of brutal rogues, grown rich on profits from the international heroin trade, has spread its tentacles worldwide - Britain included.

Seated in the corner of an expensive Italian restaurant in midtown Manhattan, her back planted firmly against the wall facing the door in the best Mafia tradition, Sterling talks about them with contempt. "I have absolutely no political ideology, no political affili-ations of any kind. The one political feeling that has guided me always has been freedom," she says. "I know that's a cliché. But living in Italy I can see the Mafia use violence to limit our freedom

"It's really a totalitarian dictatorship in the under-world. It uses the same kind of terrorizing threat to bend a whole political class to its will."



Conspiracy theorist: Claire Sterling outside a New York steakhouse once the site of a Mafia killing

The book traces the Mafia's operations from its origins among the picciotti, the young peasants, half-brigand, halfrebel, who supported Garibaldi and his Red Shirts in 1860 (and became known as Garibaldi's squadre della mafia) to the "Men of Honour" who instigated the great Sicilian Mafia war which broke out in Palermo in March 1981. Wealth - the drug trade had

boosted the Mafia's annual income to more than \$30 billion (£17.5 billion) a year made them greedy and they began to fight with unprecendented savagery. By the time the war ended two years later, 1,000 people had

Pentiti (those who repent) came forward offering to reveal for the first time the true ren and two grandchildren, is is published undaunted by the danger of ton (£15.99). nature of the Octopus: a huge

multi-national enterprise working with the Colombian cocaine cartels, the Chinese Triads, the Japanese Yakusa, and its subsidiary, the American Mafia, all run from a Sicilian prison cell by Don Luciano Liggio, whose Corleonesi clan won the Mafia

Sterling, who has two child-

writing about the Mafia. As a Rome-based correspondent for an American journal, she spent years covering wars in Algeria, the Congo, the Mid-die East, and Nigeria.

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"I know what the basic rules are when you are writing about the Mafia," she says. "You don't tell lies. You don't distort. You tell what you think is the truth and you try to get it published before i attracts too much attention."

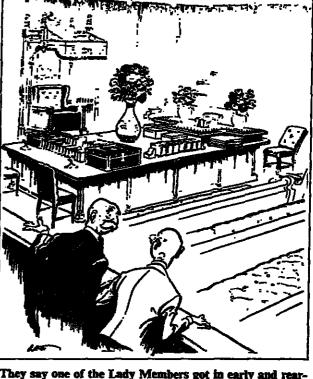
Sterling says the Sicilian crime families moved into London halfway through the 1970s and she considers the British response to their menace particularly lackadaisical Scotland Yard shrugged off warnings about Mafia penetration into Britain (although the Customs & Excise took the threat more seri-ously) until the arrest in December 1984 of Francesco Di Carlo and three accomplices for a 60kg heroin ship-ment to Montreal - part of the Mafia's scheme to use Commonwealth privileges to move drugs from Thailand through India, Britain and Canada, into the United States.

By the time Di Carlo was sentenced in 1987, however, four-fifths of the heroin flowing through the British pipeline was for domestic cons-umption and the Mafia had 50 top-level functionaries running not only its moneylaundering operation but a multi-million pound cocaine

A similar fate threatens Europe as a whole with the unification of the European Community in 1992, Sterling warns. "The Mafia are said to have \$35 billion (£20.5 billion) a year to play with," she says. "When they can move that amount of money all over Europe without customs controls and with police forces whose tactics are not co-ordinated, it's a very frightening prospect."

Her experience of human nature teaches her that there is little prospect that her warnings will be heeded. When something looks too big and looks like too much of a conspiracy to seem normal people say, 'Oh, that can't be true' and they back off, because it's too hard to take. There is no easy solution to it, if there is a solution at all, so they take shelter in disbelief ... usually uninformed dis-belief, unfortunately."

The Mafia, the long reach of the international Sicilian Mafia, is published by Hamish Hamil-



CARTOON: FROM INSIDE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, JOHN BIFFEN

'They say one of the Lady Members got in early and rear-ranged the furniture' — Lee, Evening News, October 21, 1937

Politics and child's play

If the Palace of Westminster really does house the mother of parliaments, isn't it time they had a crèche?

n 1968, the then Liberal vative MP for Cheltenham, is MP for Ryedale, Elizabeth Chair of the Commons Cater Shields, asked the House: "Bearing in mind there is a barber's shop, would it not be laughing."

An early-day motion on a working women has been circulating in the House for proposed by Joan Walley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent North, and eight other women Labour MPs.

It asks Sir Geoffrey Howe, rifle gallery, chess room, smoking room, gymnasium and a barber selling male women's hairdresser. Finding one of the rare women's

lavatories is an acquired art. There are no plans in sight for a creche, even for the new office building planned to open nearby in 1992.

Walley has two young children, Daniel, aged six and Tom, aged eight. "Parliament is so much a part of our lives it should be organized to make our children feel welcome when they visit us. When Tom was five he came with me to collect my coat. I was told by the cloakroom attendants to take him out. I refused. Next day a notice went up saying pointedly 'Members are re-minded that Members only are allowed into the cloakroom'."

She waged an 18-month crusade just for a room where children could be made to feel welcome, to be told by the then Serieant at Arms, Sir Victor Le Fanu, that "no space can be made available".

"Sir Victor then launched into a lecture on bow his wife hadn't gone out to work until their children were grown up, and really there shouldn't be a need for this kind of thing,"

David Toop | she says. | Sir Charles Irving, Conser-

ing Committee, and has transformed the Commons shop into a profitable enterprise possible to have a ladies' with a turnover of £1 million. hairdressing salon?" She re- You can buy House of Comcalls: "There was a silence, mons whisky, House of Com-Then the men burst out mons chocolate and House of Commons humbugs. But Irving admits defeat when it matter of real importance to comes to selling tights. "In working women has been response to repeated requests from women MPs two years ago," he says, "the committee discussed it several times but MPs to sign. Entitled "Facilago," he says, "the committee ities for Children in the Palace discussed it several times but no westminster", it has been nobody could decide where to mint the parter!!ie loss on the print the portcullis logo on the

Even if the male hierarchy running the building understood women's needs - and the Leader of the House, to patently they do not - the allocate space and facilities in committee machinery overthe new building to meet the seeing any metamorphosis is needs of children aged up to complicated. Indeed, no one 14. The Commons houses a can recall how it works. "Institutional changes are a matter for the House Procedural Committee," Geoffrey Howe said. "Other requisites. There is no chemist, creche, children's room or changes are a matter for the New Building Sub-Committee, or the Catering Sub-Committee, which are separate from the House of Commons

Commission . . ."
Austin Mitchell, Labour
MP for Great Grimsby, has no doubt about what is wrong: "The place really needs a dynamic chief executive who'll get on with things."

peed does not seem to be a factor in making the House more womanfriendly. The monumentally patient Howe is himself author of two feminist treatises, "Fair Share for the Fair Sex" and "Opportunity for Women". He is also the husband of Elspeth Howe, a staunch advocate of equal rights. But he says: "It requires more mobilization and patient address to the people you must get on your side, which is why a growth in the number of women MPs is a most important part of this."

Walley puts it down to a lack of will. "When it suited them, they quickly found the space for television. They could do the same for

Lesley Abdela

A woman mixing it with the boys

cal posture for a GQeditor, surely, is the estate agent stance: hand clasped behind the back of the neck, legs splayed and telephone cradled under a jutting, stubbled chin.

Alexandra Shulman has spent two weeks in the job. Biology prevents her from thrusting a stubbled chin, and the rest of it she either declines to adopt or has not yet found the confidence to do so. Instead, she shelters behind a drab desk in a modest office within Vogue House, explaining her appointment as female editor of a men's magazine in a manner which is both open and

Were you surprised to be offered the job, I ask, and for a moment she speaks, out of character, like a woman negotiating a minefield: "GQ wasn't a magazine that I'd ... thought of ... I mean, obviously automatically considered myself a contender for. I don't remember

surprisement." With that neologism, she remembers who she is, laughs and recovers. Despite the pessimism with which media watchers greeted the launch of general-interest men's magazines in this country, their influence has spread. Young boxers, ageing rock stars, the boy on the supermarket checkout, even Labour back-benchers; they all show signs of having perused either GQ or Arena and they

ly the hiestyle varying degrees of flash or good

British men have a new image. They dress well. They have discovered unrestrained vanity, grooming, perfuming and confidence. Sensitivity has been added to the agenda, and we have the cliche of the hunk who combines rippling deltoids with ownership of a new-born baby.

Shulman, aged 32, has two angles on this phenomenon. As a member of an absurdly dynamic family (father, Milton Shulman, mother, sister and brother all in the media she inevitably latches on to the thrills of a new niche in the magazine market. Thanks to an education in social anthropology at Sussex, she also exercises the intellectual detachment of people-watching.

She sees women of her generation holding a different attitude to men. There has been a kind of acceptance of the shift, now," she says. "Before, there were battles and everybody was

A less optimistic view exists, of course, which perceives battles still in progress, but on a more subtle, deadly level. At their worst, the magazines for men reflect a desire to enjoy six-packs and spirituality. Money, fulfilment, caring sensitivity, machismo, sport, art, non-sexist pornography, custody of the children; let's have the lot.

How will Alexandra Shulman tackle the

esoteric challenge of editing a men's mag?



Image maker: Alexandra Shulman

Putting a woman at the head of GQ may throw the more hypocritical aspects of this new man into perspective. But Shulman is rigorously diplomatic about a topless feature in the current issue prepared before she took over -- with creakingly lecherous coverline waffling about "the alluring geometry of the female form". She would have run the feature, she insists, but intensifies the rivalry and Shulman

The identity of the GQ reader must be uppermost in her mind. They are mainly between 20 and 40," she says. "They're professional, mainly. Urban, mainly. Intelligent and bright and interested in learning and in watching what other people

perhaps not in quite the same way.

are doing. They're not captains of industry, but I should think a lot of them would like to be. They spend a lot of money. They are consumers, I suspect the majority of them are single. I don't think they're drifters. I think they're targeted, ambitious, middle-class."

Is this composite creature the sort of man that interests her in a nonprofessional sphere? "I don't have a stereotype," she says. "I am very interested in people that are driven.
Whatever it is - I don't mind if it's building the perfect bookcase - but they have that kind of energy about

One curious aspect of this struggle for the body and emotions of the new man is that both main contenders, GQ and Arena, are part of the Condé Nast group. At the end of 1988, the publisher of Arena, Nick Logan, sold 40 per cent of his company to Conde Nast. The two magazines cater for an overlapping market, with Arena appealing to a trendier, younger audience, and GQ aiming at the wellheeled mainstream. Their overlan

claims that GQ has now substantially overtaken Arena. Since the circulation figure of 58,000 she offers is lower than Arena's last ABC audit of 59,729, there is clearly scope for controversy. GO's previous editor. Paul Keers.

left suddenly, apparently leaving only his crocodile-skin Filofax. In America, GQ has a huge readership, but the territory in this country has barely been mapped. At present, British GQ has a masculine, con-sumerist feel, which is not a million air miles removed from the free glossy magazines distributed by American Express and the major banks. It will surely be Shulman's task to shift this emphasis - without alienating the mainstream; already she is talking about increasing GQ's coverage of politics and current

Her background should be broad enough. It includes stints with two record companies and posts on a variety of magazines, notably the Tatler and Vogue. A former colleague of hers describes her as "a great persuader, she's terribly sweet and boys love her". Symbolically, there are few clearer examples of a woman achieving success in a man's world than the editorship of GQ. To stay captain at GQ she will have to make the boys, and men, love her as never before.

Pick of the Week

Archibald Thorburn: Mallard coming in from the Sea, signed and dated 1905, watercolour and bodycolour, 30 x 22 in. Estimate: £12,000-18,000

THIS OUTSTANDING WORK by Archibald Thorburn is one of twenty by the artist included in the sale of Drawings, Watercolours and Pictures of Birds at Christie's, King Street on

Friday, 2 March at 11.00 a.m. Archibald Thorburn (1860-1935) was probably the most accomplished bird painter of the 20th century, and has had a profound influence on many other English artists who have specialised in this popular theme. The sale will include a variety of subjects, such as game birds, waterfowl and birds of prey, by a wide range of artists including Philip Rickman, George Edward Lodge, John Cyril Harrison and Winifred Austen. For further information on this and any other sales in the next week, please telephone (01) 839 9060.

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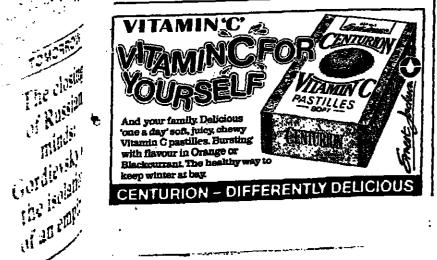
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A country touch turns gold

ings, but to a lot of people The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady means money. Since Edith Holden's nature notes were published in 1978, 72 years after they were written, Country Diary mer-chandise has evolved into a £294 million empire.

With the publication this Thursday of The Country Diary Book of Decorating English Country Style, yet another spin-off is added to a



To you and me, it may just be a sweet little book of flower paint- decor turn to an urban empire built on decor turn to an urban empire built on an Edwardian lady's country sketches

cuit tins, furnishing fabrics, paper plates, sofas, greeting cards - and diaries, of course. They sell well in Japan, America, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, and in Britain alone, turnover ex-

ceeds £38 million a year. The man behind this extraordinary empire is Nigel French, the urbane, fast-talking son of the French of London hairdressing family, who, in 1978, became principal licensee of Country Diary products.

French's office is on the trendy Chancellors Wharf estate in Hammersmith; one expects, if not roses round the front door, at least sprigs and who work here have even seen refrains from telling us so.

range of nearly 1,000 products—the country is a silver dish full including sheets, pillowcases, of pine cones and dried leaves, wallpapers, tooth mugs, bis"We saw a fashion for floral prints and nostalgia through-out the Eighties, and, building upon it, a trend to bring the outdoors indoors," he says. "People who live in town now want to bring a bit of the country into their home."

Some of the hottest sales are in Japan, selling the style in colours none of us would favour. French says: "They go for sickly-sweet ice-cream colours that are not popular in Britain, so we have adapted the designs to suit them. As far as they're concerned, it's the quintessence of British style."

The author of the new decorating book is Sydney Sykes, who is also the design director of Dorma, biggest of swags about the interior, but all Country Diary sub-licenshis studio is austere, modern, ees and therefore most likely tasteful and sparsely-adorned. to profit from the book's The only clue that the people publication, though the jacket

per cent royalty from each sub-licensee, his company also has a vested interest in the book, and he would be the last person to worry about it being seen as a promotional vehicle; in the US, where he spent the best years of his working life, getting a book that pushes your merchandise published free of charge instead of having to fork out for a catalogue would be considered exceptionally good business. French's home is an 18th-

century rectory in Somerset, where he assures me 80 per cent of the homes have a Country Diary bedroom or kitchen. Including his own? "My own house is very conservatively decorated with a Chinese and Filipino influence. I would be hardpushed to think what Country Diary merchandise we would have down there ... I know,' he exclaims triumphantly, "we have a cake tin."

■ The Country Diary Book of Decorating English Country Style is published on Thursday by Webb & Bower at £15.95 Anthea Gerrie wapapers Ltd 1990

SHERIDAN MORLEY

7 ith American television now carrying some sort of award ceremony almost every night. I hear that the grand-daddy of them all is going into orbit in an attempt to hang on to its dwindling TV audience. The Oscar presentations in April will not be confined to Los Angeles, the statues will be handed out simultaneously in all countries with a winning film, actor, director or other production worthy.

The logistics, though, are likely to prove a

nightmare: to achieve simultaneous prime-time screening across America, winners in London will have to rise at about three in the morning, at which time they are unlikely to be in a fit state to bear the weight of an Oscar, let alone find an audience with which to celebrate. Moreover, the most hotlytipped of this year's British nominees is the veteran actress Jessica Tandy, who has lived in America these last 50 years. Is she really likely to want to return to the land of her birth merely to get up in the middle of the

he news this weekend that A Chorus Line is to close on Broadway after 15 years and rather more than 6,000 performances could have a devastating effect on Joseph Papp's Public Shakespeare Festival, which relied on it for a subsidy of \$1 million a year. In much the same way, the Royal Shakespeare Company in London will have to start worrying sooner or later about how to replace its £1 million annual income, though one that is likely to last another few years, from Les Misérables. Somehow I don't see A Clockwork Orange outliving the decade. Meanwhile, as if to prove that old dance routines never die, there are already plans to reopen A Chorus Line in some small off-Broadway house and try to beat the 30-year record there of The

ne of the many sociological points about modern Britain raised by Linda Christmas in a new voyage of exploration around the country is that we are no longer as arts-orientated as we once were. Her theory could scarcely have been better proved than by at least two of the reviews of her book last week: both, though favourable, seemed totally mystified by her title: Chopping Down the Cherry Trees. Chekhov is presumably no longer much read by literary editors.



"So that explains the riddle "Put it on the slate, Deris, I'll pay you on Friday'"

owever bad the arts crisis in this country, and there are signs that it will get still worse before it improves, some bleak consolation can be found in the observation that things are not a lot letter in the United States, despite an apparently more robust economy and more generous corporate sponsors.

Over there at present it is the dance companies which are worst hit: Dance Theatre in Harlem starts a five-month layoff next week as a search for new funding begins. The Dallas Ballet folded last year. To save money, the Alwin Nikolais troupe has had to merge with the Murray Louis. Martha Graham has been laying off members of her resident company for the past three months because she cannot afford to pay them. Last year Twyla Tharp gave up her own management to work with Ameri-can Ballet Theatre. The problem in each case is essentially the same: higher company budgets at a time when the real value of artsendowment funding has dwindled because of inflation. In America, as in Britain, administrators are taking over from artistic directors as the crisis deepens.

est End Cares, the new Aids-support organization of which I wrote a couple of weeks back, is to stage its first production at the Shaftesbury Theatre on March 25. A tribute to Ray Cook, the musical director who died last year, it will feature such varied dancing talents as those of Sir Kenneth Macmillan's Royal Bailet and the Peggy Spencer Latin Dance Team, Angela Lansbury may make a rare London stage appearance alongside other musical stars such as Petula Clark, Millicent Martin and Maria Friedman, from the National's new Sondheim show, Sunday in the Park With George.

An uplifting Monday-morning,

seven-column horizontal was on the cards at 1.25 pm on Saturday.

he Valentine to Britain from Helmut Schmidt and Valéry Giscard d'Estaing published on this page on February [4] was not very communitaire. Of course we recognize that the origins of the European Community lie in the determination of France and Germany after the Second World War never to allow another such

conflict. But times move on. The failure of the two former leaders to come to terms with the requirements of the Europe of the 1990s is depressing. It is true that, with the changes in Eastern Europe and the Soviet

Union, the evolution of the Community is no longer dependent upon or merely a response to the Cold War. But those very changes emphasize the drive for freedom of choice and selfdetermination in Europe as a whole. That is a world away from the Schmidt-Giscard call for a European federal union which would be based on narrow French and German self-interest. Their article should raise concern about the federalists' motivation, for the threat of federalism is in many ways

worse than the impetus for cen-

Grinding their own axis

tralization coming from Jacques Delors and the Commission. The insistent claim of those espousing a federal Europe is that it would prevent a reversion to nationalism. But nothing is more likely to undermine a constructive approach to developing the EC as a framework for good relations between all 12 member states than the belief that it is based on a "Franco-German axis", as the former leaders put it, with the two countries "acting as one".

Indeed, it takes little imagination to recognize the dangers to the other member states, following the Single European Act, of a policy based on the economic and voting strength of these two nations. Those dangers would be all the greater when a reunified Germany makes a strong drive into East European markets. The authors recognize that of the reunified Germany will have to be offset", but it is difficult to see how "the use of EC resources" can achieve this or can "accelerate the dev-Elysée Palace.

elopment of southern Europe so as to maintain the equilibrium between the different parts of the Community" without putting a severe strain on Britain, Holland, Denmark and the Benelux countries, particularly if France and Germany work closely

It is ironic that the cause of federalism should be promoted by such an outdated argument, for nothing is more likely than federalism to upset economic equilibrium and the balance of power in Europe. It is perhaps fortunate that, in common with their federal allies elsewhere in Europe, the authors are no longer in power. Theirs is a

Europe of the past, and judging from reports from Paris after President Mitterrand's dinner for Chancellor Kohl on February 15, their article by no means reflects current thinking in the

The development of Europe

should take into account the interests of all EC states. The Community should trade more freely within and outside the Community, eastwards and westwards, and should create alliances with East European countries. The new Europe should be based on freedom of choice and self-determination for all the nations of Europe, working together for peace and avoiding clusters or axes of the

kind proposed by the Schmidt-Giscard article. Many of the difficulties that France is now experiencing, including its over-dependence

consequence of over-enthusiasm for a federal Europe which, even before reunification became a certainty, could not restrain the economic power of Germany.

"Political engineering" of the federal kind advocated by Delors and repudiated by Britain is no substitute for the creation of a practical EC based on alliances between independent countries which remain primarily accountable to their national parliaments and electorates.

The European Community has much to offer each of its member states, but in the run-up to the intergovernmental conference after the East German elections next month, we must above all sustain a down-toearth policy.

We could usefully propose an amendment to the European treaties to prevent the creation of a federal system. Another amendment could diminish the expanding powers of the Commission, which, now that there is majority voting in the Council of Ministers, need to be restrained.

The way to ensure that, in the words of Schmidt and Giscard, "Europe maintains the balance it vitally needs" is through economic co-operation and liberalization, not by the creation of federal union with common foreign, military and security policies, a central bank and binding but unenforceable rules

on budget deficits. Nor should we endorse the doctrine of "subsidiarity", which, if made a legal rule and applied to a treaty amendment imposing monetary and economic union of the kind envisaged by the authors and the Commission, would relegate the Westminster Parliament and our government to provincial status. In such a Europe the Franco-German axis advocated by Schmidt and Giscard would be a Pandora's box, not a Valentine.
The author, MP for Stafford, is chairman of the Conservative Backbench Committee on Euro-

Mary Ann Sieghart asks if the Tories' mid-term slump has come too late

William Cash replies to Schmidt and Giscard d'Estaing

Is there time to stop the rot?

in the polls for most of their time in office. They generally fall behind after a year, reach a nadir after another year and then swing back to popularity as the term nears its end. During the mid-term slump, their backbenchers become jittery and opposition parties do well enough in by-elections and local elections for pundits to back them (often misguidedly) for victory at the next general election. Is that all that is

happening today?
Not quite. For this government has entered not a midterm, but a late-term slump. It stayed too high in the polls for too long after the 1987 election. Its decline started a year too late, and it is now some time past the point at which its support should have been picking up: yes-terday's MORI poll gives Labour a 17-point lead.

A look at the chart shows the problem. It plots the position of the governing party in the polls during each full term of office since 1970. The horizontal line shows the point at which a government leading in the polls is overtaken by the opposition. Three of the past four administrations lost their lead by the end of their first year; two of them reached their lowest point in their second year, the third (the 1974-79 Labour govern-ment) hit bottom during the first quarter of the third year and lost the next election. The exception is the 1983-87 government, which dipped below the line only twice, and then marginally

Now look at the black line, which represents this government's term so far. It shows that the Conservatives rode remarkably high for a full two years after the 1987 election, performing even better than during the same period in the previous term. Their support then began to slip, and even now, close to the end of their third year, they have perhaps not reached their lowest point, let alone begun to recover, Why is the electoral cycle out

Conservative 1983 1974 (Februsian) Labour 1974 -22 ate fall-away into pessimism Labour has been in the lead, the

of synch? Mainly because of that second "wasted" year, when the Government did not need to be popular. The Tories stayed high in the polls for so long partly because Labour was going through a damagingly introspective period and the former Alliance was in tatters. But more, perhaps, because of the booming economy. In his anxiety to avoid a recession after the 1987 stock market crash, and in his enthusiasm to reach that shimmering target of a 25 per cent basic rate income tax in the 1988 Budget, Nigel Lawson forgot an elementary lesson of politics: let the economy slow down soon after an election so that it has time to pick up again before the next.

His largesse made people much more optimistic than usual about economic prospects. Each month MORI asks voters whether they think Britain's general economic condition will improve, stay the same or worsen over the next 12 months. It then subtracts the percentage of people who think it will worsen from the percentage who think it will improve to reach a net economic optimism index. If there are more optimists than pessimists, the figure is positive

and vice versa. For almost the entire 1979-83 term, the index was negative. It then became positive for the three months before the 1983 election. The same pattern held in the 1983-87 term; an immediwhich was righted only four months before the 1987 election. This government has engineered something quite dif-

ferent. The index was positive for a full year after the '87 election, finally slipping into the red in July 1988.

Until then, it had shown a remarkable correlation with voting intentions: the more optimistic voters were, the higher the Tory lead in the polls. (At the last election, MORI found a 90 per cent correlation between economic optimism and voting intentions among floating voters.) This time, it took 10 months for pessimism to turn into a Labour lead. But turn it did. Since May of last year, gap steadily widening.
The vital question now for Kenneth Baker, the Tory party

chairman, as he plans the next election campaign is whether the time lag will affect the Tories on the way up too. If and when the index turns positive, how long will it take for the optimism to translate into a Conservative lead? Do the Tories have enough. time to overtake Labour again this far into the electoral cycle? He will have his work cut out.

Mortgage rates are rising and will fuel inflation as measured by the retail price index. Labour may well overturn a majority of more than 14,000 at next month's Mid Staffs by-election. The poll tax is proving wildly unpopular, even

though, in England, the bills have yet to arrive. John Major cannot afford to be generous in the Budget. And the local elections in May are likely to favour Labour. All these factors point to a widening of Labour's lead.

To turn sentiment around. Baker must address his party's most unpopular policies. The poll tax cannot be withdrawn, but Chris Patten may find ways of mitigating its effect before the next election, either by squeezing more money out of the Treasury or by taking some expenditure out of local authority control.

he economy will be the most important factor. For i0 years Mrs Thatcher has staked her reputation on her ability to curb inflation. She would be reluctant to hold a general election with inflation above, say, 5 per cent. That means that interest rates and therefore mortgage rates must stay high until inflation starts to fall. While they stay high, the economic optimism index will almost certainly remain negative.

So Baker may be pushed for time. If interest rates start to come down this autumn, it will take some months before voters start feeling optimistic again about the economy. That optimism may then take several more months to feed through into support for the Tories. If everything goes well, he may be able to advise Mrs Thatcher to go to the country in autumn 1991. But it looks increasingly Prime Minister's, better instincts, he will find himself boxed into an election in spring

or early summer of 1992. No government likes being forced to wait until the end of its five-year term before holding an election. For if the polls are still against it, it cannot wait until its position improves.

A week may be a long time in politics, but for Conservative strategists, two years is beginning to look disturbingly short.

Tell us what you really think, Mr Patten

espite the strident sup-port he displays for the idea in public, I believe that Chris Patten, the Environment Secretary, has serious doubts about the morality of the poli tax, as well as its political visdom. Were he still a free man, on the back benches, he would, I warrant, be speaking against the tax and its iniquity in terms at least as strong as those of his soul-mate, Sir Ian Gilmour, who in January described the tax as

wholly unfair".

As Andrew Roth's inestimable Parliamentary Profiles reminds us. Patten was a Gilmour protege, or, in the words of *The Daily Telegraph*, one of the "wettest of the wets". He made no secret of this when he entered Parliament in 1979. One of the brightest of that intake, he was punished for his views and was passed over for preferment until 1983. Until then, as a free spirit, he could speak his mind - and he did. With clarity and conviction he joined Gilmour and others in a sustained campaign

against the Government's line on the economy. He mocked the use of monetary aggregates as a basis for policy. "It is not very sensible", he declared in a speech in November 1979, "to pin quite so much faith on a figure which,

it sometimes seems, can be constructed with mirrors." He was principal author of Changing Gear, a pamphlet from the "Blue Chip" group of young Tory MPs which castigated Thatcherism, spoke for one-nation Toryism, and began with a quotation from Harold Macmillan's 1981 invective against the Prime Minister on the centenary of Disraeli's death.

Patten is not only very bright; he is also a historian. So he must be well aware of the sad history of the poll tax in Britain, which seems to recur every three centuries. It was first tried in 1381. The Peasants' Revolt ensued, and a namesake of mine lost his head for leading part of

Jack Straw challenges the minister in charge of instituting the poll tax it. The tax did nothing to enhance Richard II's popularity, and was abandoned. Charles I's Long Parliament

had a go at a poll tax in 1641. By present standards it was sophistication itself, since it was graduated according to one's station in life: £100 for a duke, £60 for a bishop, £10 for an esquire, £5 for a gentleman, 6d for everyone else over 16 except those in receipt of alms, and double for anyone who was a papist. Nevertheless, that tax too collapsed because of administrative complications, and it certainly did nothing to improve Charles I's ratings in the opinion polls. There is even at least one 20th-

century example of a poll tax: that levied by the British colonial administration on Africans in Nyasaland (now Malawi) from 1939, at a rate, by 1958, of 30 shillings per head. This tax was a replacement for the rate, or "hut tax" as it was known.

To prove a negative is a consequences of the poll tax. difficult matter. I cannot say with certainty that Mr Patten never made a speech in favour of the poll tax before he became Environment Secretary last year. What I can say is that I have read every speech of his that the Commons' library can trace, and surveyed every reference work, and have not found one use of the phrase "poil tax", let alone a speech in which he advocated it.

One speech, though, stands out as being highly relevant to the poll tax. He made it on November 11, 1981, in a debate on the economy. "Whatever one-nation policies mean," he said, "they clearly do not mean putting an excessive burden on the shoulders of the poor and worse-off, redistributing the burdens against them rather than towards them." I think he still believes that, and that he must suffer pangs of conscience whenever he contemplates the social

Meins Road in Blackburn is a tree-lined street at the edge of town, overlooking pleasant countryside. It has large, detached houses, many built by cotton magnates for themseives. Not far away are Suffolk, Nuttall and Blackburn streets - rows of 19th-century terraced houses, in the main also built by cotton

magnates, but for their workers. The rates bill this year for a house in Meins Road is £1,747 (and in 10 years as the town's Labour MP I have had no complaints from such streets about the rates being too high). On the terraced houses, the rates are between £150 and £200 a year. These rates are low by national standards, but Blackburn is one of the lowest-waged areas in the country. Blackburn's poll tax will be

£365 per head. A couple living in Meins Road will save £1,000 a year - £1,000 which they do not

Street, say, will have to find an extra £500 or more, which they probably cannot afford. (They would be more than £350 worse off even if the tax were set at Mr Patten's level of £278). Such couples - even with two children - will receive no rebate if their joint income is more than about £170 a week.

The poll tax is a flat rate tax. Inescapably, inexorably, it means, in Mr Patten's words, "putting an excessive burden on the shoulders of the poor and the worst off, redistributing the burdens against them rather than towards them". As the once very dry Sir Rhodes Boyson has said, the poll tax is not only "politically disastrous" but "morally wrong". Few measures by this government are more likely to divide Britain and undermine that vision of a united nation for which Chris Patten stood (and may still stand). Few spectacles are less edifying than that of a minister supporting a cause which is not his own.

Aiming to be the rage of the train

In the Army Point-to-Point near Aldershot, a horse in which I have a small interest - like I own a leg - led the field after the first circuit. I was working on my speech of acceptance to New and Lingwood, shirtmakers, hosiers and shoemakers with traditions of excellence in bespoke and ready-made, who were presenting a memento value £50 to the winning owner, when it all went haywire: behind the hill, out of view of the stand, Lewknor Ringarose - whose name you will not now have to remember - fell; as a result the horse is lame, his jockey dislocated a shoulder. suffered concussion and was taken to hospital, and for good measure his trainer was kicked and is substantially miffed. So I have advised against it. Rotten, shall write about food.

What a rotten thing it is that while inventors of the steam engine or the telephone become rich and famous, you can now invent a soup that is more delicious and original than any other soup...and get nothing. One cannot patent a soup; when you find your soup on someone else's menu, there does not even have to be an acknowledgement - though when punters complain because it has not been properly made, they are likely to be told: "Actually it is one of Freud's." I know it is too late, but if any of my children had asked my consent to marry a cook, I should

these days. It was not ever thus. In 1712 Walt Percy, Earl of Northumberland and lecher of note, was fondling a serving wench when his man brought dinner of roasted swan and potatoes. Reluctant to withdraw his right hand from the girl's bosom, he ate with his left oulping the tubers with his fork. Mash Percy, as he became known
-though "masher" to denote lady-killer did not enter the national vocabulary until some 150 years later - is now remembered for mashed potatoes.

And I'm jealous that the 4th Earl of Sandwich gets credit for the concoction that bears his ungrateful industry, cooking is name. Having asked for beef alone" (Deuteronomy) was an Chicken with Sage Stuffing,



between slices of bread so that he could continue a gaming session, he is famed as the creator of the sandwich. I would suggest that "man does not live by bread later in the good book there is slices of succulent chicken breast. mention of loaves and fishes the constituents of a tuna butty. And it came to pass that last week I lunched with the head of British Rail's InterCity service, and when I talk to a railwayman the conversation inevitably turns

first to my grandfather, Signalman Freud, then to railway food and the fact that one can now get scrambled eggs with smoked salmon for breakfast. We moved on to safer ground: sandwiches. The British Rail sandwich has improved greatly, insisted the head of InterCity. I murmured about a recent purchase of Roast

early reference to sandwiches; £1.25; the label depicted two thick The content was a scant half ounce of crushed flesh, flecked with flavoured breadcrumbs. lightly strewn upon a piece of white bread, covered with another that had not encountered

butter either. The head of InterCity asked whether I would care to "invent" a sandwich for them, and on Wednesday morning I was sent nine sandwiches in a cardboard box, so that my quest for the new product would take into account what was aiready on sale.

So I say unto you that Cheese Ploughman, £1.35, is excellent, a real sandwich made with malted

brown bread, farmhouse cheese, pickle with a zing. BLT (bacon, lettuce and tomato), also on malt bread, is all right, the smokiness of the bacon giving the sandwich a very pleasant taste - butter would have made it better. Egg and Cress was depressing; Turkey and Ham deadly dull with a cheesy flavour that came from the "lemon mayonnaise"; Large Prawn was generous with the prawn but badly needed Cayenne pepper, Tuna and Cucumber was acceptable, though the cucumber was crunchiess.

InterCity's sandwiches are very much better than they were and Cheese Ploughman is a star. When my corned beef with green tomato chutney and my fresh salmon and dill mayonnaise join the range, people might indulge in rail travel for the sheer fun of it rather than because they want to get to Birmingham.

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1988 Education Reform Act.

Status is to succeed. The problem is that large-scale reorganization of educational facilities has become essential, as a result of a demographic downturn which, according to the latest Government estimate, has created a surplus of 1.25m places in schools in England, costing the taxpayer £250m. Ministers have been exhorting local authorities to rationalize accordingly: they concede the case, but maintain that opting out places a "planning blight" on the state

ments suggest that most are still unwilling to absorb the new philosophy which the Education Reform Act embodies. The fact that parents have had to use opting out as a weapon to prevent local authorities closing good and popular schools for the sake of administrative convenience demonstrates how little attitudes

cannot be created out of the air. In the case of the Baltic states, many technocrats were never in any real sense communists. But in the Russian republic, and other areas of the Soviet Union where the main issue is still reform rather than national independence, the inevitability of continuity at the lower levels of the ruling structures is discouraging. These are the people chiefly responsible for frustrating

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A VOTE FOR LIBERTY

In the first free multi-party elections in the Soviet Union since 1917, Lithuanian voters

have given the national front, Sajudis, a

decisive victory. A first-round tally of 72 seats

in the 141-member parliament could well

translate into 95-100 after run-off polls - and

more, if members of the independent wing of

the Communist Party standing on the Sajudis

The result, while hardly unexpected, deals a

severe blow to Mr Gorbachov's hopes of

slowing down the independence process in the

Baltic - and maybe elsewhere as well. There

was a widespread belief, both in Moscow and

among a number of Lithuanian Communists,

that the close integration of the Baltic republics

into the Soviet economy, and their economic

weakness on the world stage, gave the Kremlin

Now, however, the new Lithuanian govern-

ment is bound to press for the rapid

establishment of economic sovereignty, as the

precondition for full Lithuanian indepen-

dence. The drastic weakening of the Com-

munist Party, despite the popularity it gained

by breaking with Moscow last month, deprives the Kremlin of any real hold over the future

Lithuanian government - apart of course,

from the threat of various kinds of pressure:

economic, ethnic, or in the last resort, military.

ing to the Communist Parties in other Soviet

republics. Even by splitting from its Soviet

parent, and adopting a largely new top

leadership, the Lithuanian Communist Party

was unable to cancel out popular memories of

the role it played through 50 years of Soviet

rule. Communist party leaderships in other

Soviet republics are likely to conclude that

whatever they do, their parties as such are

The example of the Baltic, however, shows

that the bureaucratic and industrial structures

of power created by the communists will take much longer to dissolve. Calls to expel all

communists from public life are impractical.

and for this reason have been restricted to the

Continuity is not only inevitable, but

necessary: effective new political classes

doomed to ultimate extinction.

more extreme nationalist groups.

The outcome in Lithuania will be discourag-

considerable room for manoeuvre.

ticket break their formal links with the party.

Mr Gorbachov's attempts at economic reform. Over the next few weeks, Lithuania's progress towards independence is likely to revolve around two main issues. The first will be the Lithuanian rejection of any "law on secession" to emerge from the coming debates in the Supreme Soviet in Moscow. Basing their case on the illegality of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact under which Lithuania was annexed in 1940, the Lithuanians say that they were never legally a part of the Soviet Union in

the first place. That statement in itself does not make Lithuania independent, and the second issue, coming up in the next few weeks, puts it on collision course with one of the main pillars of the Soviet state. The refusal of thousands of young Lithuanians to serve in the Soviet army, which will certainly be backed by the new Lithuanian government, confronts Moscow with an issue on which there does not seem to be much room for compromise.

Baltic separatists claim that it would be in Moscow's interest to recognize their legal case for independence, because the Soviet leadership could then make a distinction between concessions made to the Baltic and those made to other Soviet republics. This argument is unlikely to convince the Kremlin. Other Soviet areas, too, were independent before their conquest by Russia, even if their standing under international law is not as strong as that

of the Baltic states. It will be increasingly hard, after this weekend's elections in Lithuania, to avoid the disintegration of the Soviet Union without the adoption of a truly federal structure. There is little sign that the Soviet leadership is prepared to accept so radical a transformation; but it cannot, after the result in Lithuania, dismiss the prospect from its mind.

CHALLENGE TO PARENT POWER

The High Court ruling last Friday overturning a ministerial decision to allow a Bath school to opt out of local authority control is a blow to the Government's strategy of turning the running of schools over to parents and teachers. Parents' freedom to vote their childrens' schools out of the hands of local authorities and put them under the control of their governing bodies is, along with the national curriculum, central to the aims of the

The court decided that the Secretary of State lucation and Science Mr John MacGregor, had acted unlawfully by failing to take account of the impact of his decision on Avon County Council's school reorganization plan. The case, the first of its kind, reveals a conundrum which must be solved if the policy of allowing schools to seek Grant Maintained

education system, because schools they decide to close will immediately seek to opt out.

The local authorities' resort to such arguin Town and County Halls have changed.

There is little substance in claims that any school facing a reorganization can cut and run. Mr MacGregor and his predecessor have made it clear that opting out will not be an escape route for unviable schools. To qualify for direct funding, schools have to meet stringent criteria. By contrast, misplaced notions of egalitariamsm can result in excellent schools facing closure merely because they have the misfortune to be sited in a middle class location. Many poorly run comprehensives survive reorganization despite appalling aca-

Where the argument is genuinely about rational planning, local authorities' objections could be overcome by the provision of reasonable notice of a school's switch to grantmaintained status, thus avoiding the planning uncertainties of which Avon complained. In a few instances, delays in implementing a transfer might be needed to give local authorities time to rework their plans. The Government must not, however, retreat on the central principle of rebuilding independence in the state-funded school sector.

Political objections, however cloaked in the mantle of concern for proper planning, should be given no quarter. Local authorities who are unwilling to accept that parental choice ought to be the dominant factor in the survival of a school must not be allowed to use the Avon judgement to bring opted-out schools back under their control, or to intimidate parents and governors wishing to opt out.

This Government has not flinched in the past from resisting special pleading by entrenched local bureaucracies and it must not do so now. The concept of parental power needs unremitting support if it is to fulfil its potential for benefitting the education of children - for whom schools were created.

ANXIETIES IN INDIA

India's mainstream politicians, in the Janata Dal minority government and in the opposition Congress (I) Party, approach tomorrow's state elections, involving 215 million Indian voters in eight Indian states and the territory of Pondicherry, with understandable nervous-ness. The Prime Minister, Mr Vishwanath Pratap Singh, could find himself in serious trouble if, as expected, the Hindu fundamentalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) with which his Janata Dal is in uneasy coalition makes large gains in the north.

Hindu ascendancy also threatens Mr Rajiv Gandhi's political future. His Congress party now controls the government in all eight states but can hope, at best, to retain only one or two.

More than personal political fortunes are at stake in these elections. The BJP already looks like the real power behind Mr Singh's throne and, if it does as well as expected, is likely to demand a review of the constitutional privileges of India's 100m Muslims as the price of its continuing support for the government. Were Hindu fundamentalists to become India's effective power-brokers, the secular nature of Indian democracy, the cement of national stability, would be put in question.

The Congress Party, already suffering a stream of defections since its defeat in national elections last November, has most at stake. A second crushing in India's northern "Hindu heartland" would leave it looking like a party of the South Indian rump. The authority of Mr Gandhi, already under attack, would disintesgrate. Moves to oust him could however hasten the party's disintegration. That prospect might ensure his survival, but the myth of the Gandhi-Nehru family's political power would still have been shattered. After tomorrow, Mr Gandhi will be just another politician.

Mr-Singh's prospects are brighter. He can expect to win Orissa comfortably and Bihar

with a little less ease. In Gujarat, his party could form a coalition government with its allies. Alongside Uttar Pradesh, that would give him control of India's two most populous and politically significant states.

Mr Singh's goal would then be to lure disillusioned MPs from the Congress (I) Party, to which he himself once belonged, to defect, thus reducing his dependence on the communist parties and, above all, on the BJP. That will be all the more important if, as expected, the BJP emerges the most significant victor, winning Himachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh outright, and sharing the spoils with Janata Dal in Gujarat and Rajasthan. The commercially critical state of Maharashtra, with its capital in Bombay, could also fall under its sway.

Mr Singh has, up to now, claimed that the integration of the BJP into India's political mainstream would moderate the party's Hindu ideology. For evidence, he can point to its help in defusing, at least temporarily, the Ayodhya temple-mosque dispute which enflamed Hindu-Muslim tensions late last year. BJP legislators, whose loyalty to their cause is unswerving, are however likely to see these elections as a mandate for a more muscular approach. That could hamper a settlement in Kashmir, popular Hindi resentment over the resurgence of secessionist pressures there has contributed heavily to the rise in the BJP's electoral popularity.

The immediate prospect is a period of greater disequilibrium before a new alignment of political forces emerges. The best outcome would be a viable two-party system based on Congress and Janata Dal and its allies. The likelihood is greater sectarian tension. The rise of militant Hinduism, upsetting the already delicate fabric of India's communal relations, marks a turning point in Indian politics.

on house sales From the Secretary-General of the Royal Institution of Chartered

Stricter controls

Sir, You recently reported (Feb-ruary 8) the National Consumer Council's call for increased regulation of estate agents, adding its powerful, independent voice to the case aiready made to Government by the professional bodies in property and by many others. The Government's much-vaunted study of the matter produced little more than a promise that more use would be made of the existing powers of the Director-General of Fair Trading.

Now, when the housing market is still falling from its peak and sales are difficult to achieve, a new range of abuses attracts attention. The professional bodies would be delighted to see more use made of the Director-General's existing powers to tackle unethical and damaging practices, such as the deliberate over-valuing of propcrty in order to secure sale instructions. This would be a step in the right direction, but not a solution to the problem of unethi-cal exploitation of people struggling to cope with the complexities of house purchase and sale.

This Government's legislation has made it mandatory for an agent selling a £1,000 life assurance policy to come within a new regulatory framework, but it is content for the gent selling the average consumer's £70,000 house to be unregulated. A government which has done so much to extend home ownership owes its citizens a duty of care in this field as much as in life assurance sales.

How many more organisations have to identify the need before the Government will act on it? The latest mortgage rate rises underline the public's need for help when involved in these complex transactions. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL PATTISON Secretary-General, The Royal Institution of

February 16. Use of supertankers

Chartered Surveyors,

12 Great George Street,

Parliament Square, SW1.

From Mr H. W. Melrose Sir, Mr S. R. Thompson (February 20) stresses the reluctance of operators of computer-automated ships to use technology in the high-risk areas.

My company, BMT Cortec, (formerly BSRA), carried out a great deal of research into the efficient ship in the early 1980s. The advantages of the study were viewed by operators in global terms as manning reductions versus operating costs and the advantages in safety through minimised risk were too readily discounted.

We have recently developed a ship manoeuvring simulator no bigger than three microwave ovens and available to be carried on the bridge of any ocean-going ship. It would allow all the bridge staff, not only the captain, to carry out a full mission rehearsal before undertaking a hazardous manoeuvre, be it a tight port or a rendezvous at sea. Prince William Sound no doubt wishes that such a facility had been available on Exxon Valdezi

The insurers should provide a premium incentive for vessels adopting high-technology solutions to reduce risks; only then will the operators' reluctance to purchase new technology be alleviated.

Yours faithfully, H. W. MELRÓSE (Managing Director), BMT Cortec Ltd., Wallsend Research Station, Wallsend, Tyne & Wear.

Nature conflict

From Mr Alexander R. Trotter Sir, Ian Prestt (February 13) in picking three well publicised examples of conflict between development interests and conservation, gives the impression that the Nature Conservancy Council's **Advisory Committee for Scotland** and its successor bodies in 1991 and 1992 are, or will be, unable to stand up to development pressure, unless directed to do so by a powerful United Kingdom joint

It is exactly such policy dev-elopment from the south, without regard for the concerns of the Scottish people, that has resulted in the resentment which has made it so hard to obtain more widespread support for conservation from the rural community. It would be disastrous to repeat this

Yours faithfully, A. R. TROTTER (Chairman), NCC Advisory Committee for 12 Hope Terrace, Edinburgh 9.

Maritime accidents

From Mr Max Nicholson Sir, As the sorry tale continues of needless damage to marine waters, beaches, and wildlife by the irresponsible and unchecked operations of too many trading vessels, is it not time to ask, as the host country of the International Maritime Organisation of the United Nations, just what this costly organisation is doing about it?

Its recent track record suggests that the situation could hardly get worse if it were now abolished. At least a searching independent inquiry into its performance seems called for. Yours etc.,
MAX NICHOLSON,

The Athenacum, Pall Mall, SW1. February 20.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Half-way point in apartheid struggle From Sir Peter Favocus damental changes, and, above all, a stimulus to the economy result-Sir, It is generally agreed that the main purpose of sanctions against South Africa is to end apartheid in from outside. all its manifestations. The struggle against apartheid has reached a half-way point in which there are Act will also have to go eventually. arguments for and against the retention of the different sanctions

as a lever to bring about the

remaining changes that are transitional constitution. needed. These arguments have recently been employed with great inten-sity on either side in Parliament and in the European Community Council of Ministers and have led to emotional and exage statements such as the Irish Foreign Minister's allegation (report, February 21) that unilateral action by the UK to lift the ban on

new investment would destroy the credibility of the Twelve's political co-operation and constitute a dangerous precedent. This ban was imposed voluntarily in 1986, as Mr Walde-grave explained to Parliament (report, February 22), to en-courage dialogue. That objective has been achieved to an extent unimaginable in 1986 and it was encouraging that a UDF (United Democratic Front) spokesman, Mr Patrick Lekota, on returning recently from Washington said

(report, February 23), When we are satisfied that the process of negotiation is in motion, we will concur with those calling for the lifting of sanctions. It is not in the UDFs interests to smash the South African economy.

The remaining legislative bas-tions of apartheid are the Land Act, the Group Areas Act, and the Population Registration Act. The first two will have to go but, at first, their repeal would hardly be noticed. It would enable a few wealthy blacks to buy whiteowned farms in the rural areas and comfortable homes in the white suburbs, but the stark inequalities in living conditions and in the educational and health facilities of the whites and the vast majority of blacks will require more fun-

Social behaviour

Humanist Association abiding".

Yet the established Church is still turned to as if it is the one and only source of moral comment. and its response, often rigidly dogmatic and old-fashioned, might explain its very failure to encourage ethical behaviour. For day that the Order of Christian Unity complained to the Press Council about a booklet on sex, aimed at teenagers. The OCU chairman implied that young people should not be told about either the playful aspects of sex or its potential dangers.

Such an approach to one of the most confusing - but purely natural - aspects of growing up completely ignores the crucial need young people have for frank and open information, on all areas of personal and social responsibility. Better education would, of course, leave ethical decisions more to individual judgement than to dictates from religious bodies. In view of the trend away from religious morality, we must encourage, not condemn, such attempts to promote a better

Legal language

From Chester Herald of Arms Sir, I am not a lawyer, but I have to use the language of humility referred to in recent correspondence (January 29; February 5, 8, 13, 16) when drafting petitions (or memorials) ad-dressed to the Earl Marshal from clients wanting grants of arms. These usually end with a phrase such as "Your Grace's Memorialist will ever humbly pray etc."

Petitions to the Sovereign for royal licences also end with the word "etc." and in my early days at the College of Arms I asked what this stood for, but nobody seemed to know. I then came across a letter from a Home Office official saying that the Privy Council Office considered that it meant "for such other relief as to Your Majesty may seem fit".

Research Institute for the Study of

Fighting drugs From the Chairman of the

Conflict and Terrorism Sir, Norman Tebbit (article, February 20) and your other readers may be pleased to hear that this institute has already embarked on the first stages of a research project on drugs trafficking and narcoterrorism. I am happy to say that we have been able to engage a researcher possessed of all the necessary qualifications (including personal courage), who will be able to call on the expertise as consultant of a leading authority in the field. We shall shortly be discussing the project with the relevant Government departments.

We of course have it in mind to

liaise in this project with other countries concerned and it had not escaped us that this might with advantage include the Soviet Union. Yours faithfully FRANK BRENCHLEY,

Chairman. Research Institute for the Study of Conflict and Terrorism, 136 Baker Street, W1.

ing from massive new investment The Population Registration

College Sir, Now that the House of but it might be premature to repeal it when its registers could yet provide the basis for the representation of blacks in a

The real need today is not for cosmetic changes enforced by outside pressures to demolish specific features of apartheid, but for early internal changes of fundamental importance that would enable black South Africans to play their part in the great task of building a non-racial state. A common voters' roll in a unitary state would appear to be

one possible outcome to the negotiations now about to begin, but that might take years to determine and even longer to achieve. Meanwhile the device of communal representation of the different racial groups, allowing for the election of MPs on separate voters' rolls, could be employed to recast the central institutions of power, replacing the tricameral legislature with one Parliament, composed of whites, blacks, Coloureds and Indians.

If this aim were to be accepted by the negotiators as their immediate task, requiring early decision and implementation, would bring about irreversible political change, pave the way for much needed inter-communal co-operation, and lead perhaps to a universal demand from all South

Africans for sanctions to be lifted. If these changes were accompanied by free party political activ-ity, they would also inspire added confidence in the country's prospects of political stability which would do more to encourage outside investment than the UK's removal of its han. Yours faithfully, R. P. FAWCUS, Dochart House, Killin, Perthshire.

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Yours faithfully, JANE WYNNE WILLSON,

British Humanist Association.

From Dr Mary D. Stewart

your accurate headline,

13 Prince of Wales Terrace, W8.

Sir, It is hoped that readers of your

report on Social Trends will appreciate the distinction between

blamed in more divorces", and

"Men are to blame for more

divorces", as some people might

wish to deduce from the given

divorce on the grounds of un-

reasonable behaviour on the part

of the spouse when the marriage is

felt by both partners to be at an

end for many reasons; but if the husband defends the suit, or

brings a counter petition on the

grounds of his wife's equally

unreasonable behaviour, it will

cost him a great deal in cash and in

time, and will achieve nothing in

saving a marriage that he too may

Failure to defend is thus not

necessarily an admission of "un-

reasonableness", and is certainly not proof of it. On the contrary it

may stem either from a chivalrous

intention to let the wife have the

last word, or from sheer economic

have no desire to prolong.

Yours sincerely, MARY D. STEWART,

7 Roseland Crescent.

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Women may bring a petition for

behaviour.

Chairman,

From the Chairman of the British Sir, Your report on the Social Trends survey (February 15) included a phrase of significance to all of us concerned with social behaviour and individual respon-sibility: "Increased participation in Christian worship is unlikely to make the population more law-

Middlesbrough, Cleveland. The writer went on to say that his own researches at the Home Office indicated that the form was an abbreviation for an expression of loyalty and good will and he cited examples of petitions concluding with the words, and your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray for your excellent Majesty (1625)

and Your Majesty's petitioners as in loyalty and duty bound, will ever most anxiously Pray for your Royal

Person (1842).

For my own part I am quite content to go on writing "etc." and leave the rest to the imagination. Yours faithfully, HUBERT CHESSHYRE, Chester Herald of Arms, College of Arms, Queen Victoria Street, EC4. February 16.

Impartiality and BBC From Dr John Keown Sir, Defending the BBC from Woodrow Wyatt's accusations of bias (article, February 13), John Birt asserted (article, February 19): "The BBC aspires keenly to

the concept of impartiality in all its programmes". However, the very same day the BBC screened a Horizon programme which purported to "inform the debate [on embryo research] with a report on how and why such research is done". The programme consisted of inter-

views with scientists and lay

people in favour of destructive experimentation on embryos but not a single scientist or lay person who disputes their claims and favours alternative forms of research. Yours faithfully, JOHN KEOWN (Director). Centre for Health Care Law, University of Leicester.

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Faculty of Law,

Drawbacks of student loans

From the Director of Regent's

Commons has given a third reading to the student loans Bill and the opponents of the scheme have clearly lost the argument, it surely behaves those in education to press the Government for a more radical scheme

The Government's proposals do nothing to change a situation where we have the most generous system in the developed world but for the smallest proportion of students. Our system compares very unfavourably with that in the USA, for instance, for three groups of students — those following courses in further or higher education which do not lead to a degree and part-time students (neither of these groups qualifies for mandatory grants) and potential graduate students who can only compete for a relatively tiny number of scholarships.

Aside from these neglected groups, there are many students, theoretically covered by present arrangements, whose parents do not make up the grant. The modest loans now to be available will not help them very much. The opportunity to borrow larger sums, subject to some curbs to prevent wealthier parents from taking unnecessary advantage of cheap loans, should be made

available. In order to treat those groups more equitably resources will need to be spread more thinly. If the National Union of Students really seeks to represent all students, and not just the privileged undergraduates in universities and polytechnics, surely they should now be pressing for a fairer distribution of the available funds.

Yours faithfully, J. G. KELLY, Director, Regent's College, inner Circle, Regent's Park, NW1. February 20.

From Mr Giles P. T. Walker Sir, I am surprised that Sam Kiley's article (February 17) suggests the increased number of A-level students applying for places at universities and polytechnics is "good news for ministers", presumably meaning that the Government's student loans scheme is vindicated.

The awful consequences of the scheme will not be experienced until well after it is in place when those students entering careers in education and science, especially research, will not be able both to repay their loans and enjoy a decent standard of living and those from less well-off backgrounds will face the dreadful choice between supporting impoverished families and renayment.

Such a situation can only lead to one outcome: Britain will experience the mass default on student loan repayments found in the United States of America, reducing the economic argument for the loans to shreds, and rendering the scheme itself an abject failure. Yours faithfully, GILES P. T. WALKER,

Flat 1, 6 Kensington Place, W8.

Community charge From the Leader of the Council, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

Sir, I was amused to read a recent claim by Lady Porter, Leader of Westminster City Council and a fellow Conservative, that she is able to achieve a community. charge of under £200 as a result of running an efficient council.

I too run an efficient council. and my colleagues at Berkshire. County Council are hardly re-nowned for their extravagance. Even so, I expect the communitycharge in this borough to be over. £460.

Berkshire and this borough together will run much the sameservices next year as Westminster: but the Government standard. spending assessment (their estimate of the "need to spend") is about twice as much per head for Westminster as for us. The Government grant in Westminster will be about 41/2 times as much per

head (£865, as against £190). I do not doubt that Lady Porter rons an efficient authority; but if we had even half the Government. grant per head that she has in Westminster we, too, could de-clare a £200 community charge. Yours faithfully, PETER EVA, Leader, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Council,

Town Hall,

St Ives Road

February 22.

Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Church wheel clamps From Dr G. K. Laycock

Sir, Members and prospective members of the Wilmslow Methodist church (Diary, February 22) should consider themselves formnate. Holy Trinity Church Fareham, has recently introduced wheel clamping in an attempt to discourage the ungodly parking of unwanted cars on church property. Several parishioners attend-ing church functions have been clamped whilst their meetings have been taking place. The scheme is working so well that the car park is generally empty. I wonder, however, how long it will . take for the pews to become so.

Yours faithfully, G. K. LAYCOCK, 29 Pembury Road, Stubbington, Fareham, Hampshire.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 25: Mr Harold Cooper
and Mr George Dibley were
received by The Queen when

Her Majesty decorated them with the Royal Victorian Medal .(Silver).

The Prince Edward this eve-ning attended a gala perfor-mance at the Mermaid Theatre, London, organizzed by the Young Stars of Tomorrow in aid of Action Research for the Crippled Child.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

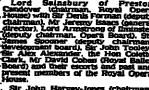
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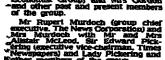
The Earl and Countess of Drogheda

A memorial concert for the Earl and Countess of Drogheda was sheld at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, last night, conducted by Sir Georg Solti with the Royal Opera Chorus and the Orchestra of the Royal Opera

The programme included Miss Anna Tomowa-Sintow,
Soprano, and Mr Arthur Davies,
tenor, singing the brindisi from
Verdi's La traviata; a suite from Prokofiev's ballet score, Romeo and Juliet; Dame Gwyneth Jones, soprano, Mr Reiner Goldberg, tenor, Mr Robert Hale, baritone, Mr Donald Maxwell, baritone, Mr Gwynne Howell, bass, Miss Lillian Watson, soprano, and Mr Robin Leggate, tenor, sang the Finale from Beethoven's Fidelio.

Mr Murray Perahia played Mozart's Piano Concerto in B Flat, K595, and Miss Felicity Lott, soprano, Miss Watson and Miss Anne Howells, mezzo-soprano, sang the final trio and duet from Richard Strauss's Der Rosenkavalier. Dame Ninette de Valois, CH, and Sir Geoffrey Owen, Editor of The Financial those present were:





Marriages

The Marquess of Blandford and Miss R.M. Few Brown The Duchess of York attended the marriage on Saturday at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Woodstock, of the Marquess of Blandford, son of the Duke of Marlborough and of Mrs John

Gough, to Miss Rebecca Mary Few Brown, daughter of Mr Peter Few Brown and of Mrs John Winnington-Ingram. The Right Rev Simon Phipps offici-ated, assisted by Canon John Beckwith. The bride, who was given in

marriage by her father, was attended by Lady Alexandra Spencer-Churchill, Francesca Somerset. Natalia Gilmour. Harriet Cayzer, Catherine Beck ett. Hughie Jessel Maximillion Gelber, Edward Corry-Reid and Simon Morrison, Mr Patrick
McNally was best man.
A reception was held at
Blenheim Palace and the honeymoon will be spent in Kenya.

The Hon A.J. Leslie
and Miss T.L. Gordon
The marriage took place on
Saturday at St Margaret's, Westminister Abbey, of Mr Alexander Leslie, younger son of the Earl and Countess of Rothes, of Tanglewood, West Tytherley, Salisbury, to Miss Tina Gordon, daughter of Dr and Mrs T.E. Gordon, of Westmoreland Drive, Orlando, Florida. The Rev Charles Richardson The bride, who was given in

marriage by her father, was attended by Sheina Elise Gordon, Jacqlyn Rebecca Rovine, Zev Harris Rovine and Mrs Karen Rovine. Mr James Talbot was best man.
A reception was held at

Grocers' Hall and the honey-moon will be spent abroad. Mr A.R.C. Finn and Mrs S.A. Fitzpatrick

A service of blessing was held at St Nicholas' Church, Harbledown, Canterbury, on February 14, after the marriage of Mr Arthur Rex Colthup Finn, and Mrs Sheila Ann Fizzpatrick (née Stuart). The Venerable Michael Till and the Reverend John Tunbridge officiated.

Mr J.W.E. Levack and Mile D.M. Moulsert

The marriage took place on Saturday, February 17, in the Church of Couture, St Germain, Belgium, between Mr John Levack, son of Mr and Mrs Norwich, and Mile Dominique Moulaert, daughter of M and Mme Jacques Moulaert, of Champs-Eloi, Lasne. The marriage was celebrated by Dom Edward Corbould, OSB and Father Emmanuel Hanquet, SAM

Mr J. Woolley and Miss F.M.A. Weitzman The marriage took place on Saturday, February 17, at Gray's Inn Chapel, between Jack, son of Mrs Judy Woolley and the tate Mr Philip Woolley, of Wimbledon, and Polly, elder daughter of Mr Peter Weitzman, QC and Mrs Anne Weitzman, of Holland Park. A reception was held in the Hall at Gray's Inn.

OBITUARIES

MALCOLM FORBES Magazine publisher and man of daring eccentricities

Malcolm Forbes, the ebullient mil-lionaire publisher who died of a heart attack on February 24, at the age of 70, was one of America's richest men and one of its more engagingly eccentric characters.

Indeed, though his fortune from the family bi-monthly business journal. Forbes Magazine, and other publishing ventures, was variously estimated at somewhere between \$400 million and \$1,000 million, it was the flamboyant, extravagant - not to say daring - side of his activities which more frequently made the headlines.

Forbes had a penchant for exotic or off-beat modes of travel, though this sometimes exposed him to considerable risk. Being discreetly whisked to the VIP suites of international airports in air-conditioned limousines, as befitted a man of his corporate means and gravitas, held no charms for him. His idea of fun was a spin around the New Jersey country-side at weekends, astride one of the many Harley Davidson motor cycles be owned.

Balloons were another love. In 1973, he became the first person to fly across America, coast-to-coast, and he had a collection of these lighter-thanair craft to fit every occasion: a sphinx-shaped balloon to fly over Egypt; a craft in the form of an elephant for traversing Thailand, and a balloon shaped like a bust of Beethoven for aerial excursions above the Federal Republic of Germany.

Not that this hobby did not have its hazards. On one occasion Forbes narrowly escaped death when his balloon for a planned transatlantic flight deflated as it was taking off. On another, while making a forced land-ing on farmland in a remote western state of America, he found himself staring down the twin barrels of a 12gauge shotgun, wielded by a farmer convinced that the East Coast millionaire was a visitant from another

Forbes's hospitality was in a like vein, and partook of a similar appetite for the exotic. It reached its apogee in a 70th birthday party he held in Morocco last year. On that occasion he flew 800 guests, who included Elizabeth Taylor and Henry Kissinger, to his mansion in Tangier. King Hassan of Morocco also held a lavish



party during the birthday celebrations, which attracted worldwide media coverage for their stylishness,

Makolm Forbes was born in Brooklyn, New York City, on August 19, 1919, the son of Bertie Charles Forbes, a Scotsman who had emigrated to America from a village near Aberdeen. He was educated at Lawrenceville and Princeton University, where he graduated in 1941.

He cut his teeth in publishing when he became owner of the Fairfield Times, a weekly paper in Lancaster, Ohio, and in the following year he founded the Lancaster Tribune.

During the Second World War he served in the US Army and saw action in France, Belgium and Germany. He

was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart, and was also severely wounded, spending several months in hospital as a result. A legacy of this war service was a limp which was to remain with him for the rest of his life.

After the end of the war, he joined his father at Forbes, and a few years later embarked on a political career. He was a New Jersey Senator from 1952 to 1958, and in 1957 he ran unsuccessfully as the Republican Party candidate for governor of the state. However, though President Eisenhower campaigned for him, Forbes was defeated by the incumbent, the Democrat Robert B. Meyer. The consolation of having gained more votes than any prior New Jersey

Republican gubernatorial candidate was not one to appeal to a man like him. He resigned form the New Jersey Senate in 1958 and sought no further political office thereafter.

In 1954, he took over the running of Forbes, which had been started by his father in 1946, and became its publisher, president, editor-in-chief and sole owner.

The motto, "Capitalist Tool" which he gave to it, was appropriate for a journal which, when he took it over, was a somewhat staid publication with a circulation of around 100,000. In the following years he saw it expand to its present level of 720,000, multiplying its advertising revenues 40-fold in the process. Moreover this startling growth was achieved in the face of intense competition from larger rivals such as Newsweek, Wall Street Journal, Fortune and Business

Besides his success with Forbes, he also diversified his business interests into property development, first in the states of Colorado and Missouri, and later, overseas to Fiji and

Though Forbes improved on his father's performance with the family magazine, he always acknowledged his debt to him, particularly in the intangible matter of judging any company in which he became involved by the quality of its management, rather than by last year's balance sheet. Conceding that this was a matter of monitoring subtle nuances and footnotes, he liked to say of proprietors like himself: "We're the drama critics of American business."

Among the more exotic extensions of his business were a leading motor cycle dealership, his Tangier palace, and a French chateau. His most recent publishing venture, a magazine called Egg, aimed at up-and-coming city dwellers, appeared on news stands shortly before his death.

Forbes also contributed lavishly to charity; among his most spectacular recent acts was to give \$1 million for research into Aids.

Forbes married, in 1946, Roberta Remsen Laidlaw. The marriage, of which there were four sons and a daughter, was dissolved in 1985. Latterly he had been often in the company of Elizabeth Taylor.

JOHNNIE RAY

Fifties singer who fashioned the teenage audience for pop music



Johnnie Ray, the American singer, who, in the Fifties, virtually created the fashion for teenage hysteria which has surrounded popular music ever since, died of liver failure at his Los Angeles home. He

his voice, and the ability to cry to order during his songs, between 1951 and 1960 singing ballads like "Cry". depending on a strident emotional delivery rather than the intelligence of the lyrics, transformed the idea of a modern ballad singer, and, in many ways, can be seen as setting the stage for the kind of mass teenage reception which was accorded to rock 'n' roll.

Before Johnnie Ray only Frank Sinatra had generated anything approaching actual hysteria among an audience

and that was by accident success, "Cry", in 1951 Ray rather than design. Ray recrather than design. Ray recognized that a new and important teenage audience of what came to be known as "bobbysoxers" had emerged in the United States in the aftermath of the Second World War and, initially Deaf in his right ear, with a distinctive emotional catch in unwittingly, exploited its desire to identify emotionally with a singer as a fantasy idol. foundations for later pop music.

> Born in Dallas, Oregon in 1927, Ray first performed in clubs and bars in Detroit in the late 1940s, usually as a solo performer singing to his own piano accompaniment. His deafness, which led to his wearing a hearing aid throughout his career encouraged him to adopt a declamatory and unsophisticated style.

With his first international

emerging teenage culture with a right to its own fashions emotions and music. Nicknamed the "Prince of Wails" and the "Nabob of Sob", Ray enjoyed an unprecedented personal success in the ensuing decade.

Although the overt sexuality of his performances and some of his somes raised eyebrows, it never affected his popularity among his teenage audience. They were not aware that his method of delivery owed a great deal to the emotional style of the legendary Billie Holiday.

As the more socially conscious decade of the Sixties opened, however, so Ray's perhaps unsophisticated style began to lose its appeal. A planned career as a film actor had flowered briefly, in 1954, Ray never remarri with There's No Business Like had no children.

Show Business, but Ray found it impossible to make the transition to the changing musical style of elaborate harmonics and socially aware lyrics symbolized by Bob Dylan and later by the Beatles.

In the first years of the Sixties his personal life underwent severe strain and led to the breakup of his marriage and to what he later admitted was a severe alcoholic dependence. In 1965 he retired from touring altogether. At the beginning of the

Seventies, however, Ray began to recreate his career, depending very much on his original material and his original style, appealing nostalgically to the middle-aged men and women who remembered him as their first teenage idol

Ray never remarried and

SANDRO PERTINI Restoring authority to the Italian presidency

Sandro Pertini who was President of the Italian Republic from 1978 to 1985, died on February 24 at the age of 93.

Pertini was well over 80 when he was elected President but he showed no sign whatsoever of the burdens of longevity in becoming by far the most popular head of state the country ever had. Whether expressing his dis-dain for terrorism, his con-

fidence in young people, his public criticism of politicians when he felt they were doing less than their duty, Pertinimanaged to persuade much of the nation to identify itself with him and feel content to do so. He was a life-long socialist but this is no way limited either his appeal or his outlook. He liked to see himself as an old fashioned anti-clerical while at the same time he was happy to talk of his personal friendship with Pope John Paul II. He avoided categories except that of exceptional human warmth, which was reflected in his own genial, pipe-smoking persona.

It was by the force of this personality that Pertini raised the influence of the Italian presidency considerably above the limited power the country's Constitution had bestowed upon it after the war. He took office when authority was at a very low ebb. His Christian Democrat predecessor had been forced to quit prematurely over involvement in the Lockheed aircraft bribery scandal and Aldo Moro, the Prime Minister, had shortly before been assassinated by Red Brigade terrorists.

He was utterly firm against the scourge of terrorism because he so sincerely be-lieved in the Republic as a democratic institution. Pertini also was the first to help bring forward non-Christian Democrat party leaders as Italian Prime Ministers.

Pertini came to be popularly called "Il Nonno" (Grandpa), and won the ordinary citizens hearts essentially for his oldfashioned virtues like honesty and speaking his mind. This included publicly condemning the Mafia, the slow-moving Italian bureaucracy after the 1980 earthquake and protesting to Argentina's military rulers over the gross abuse of human rights they permitted.

Alessandro Pertini was born at Stella San Giovanni, near Savona, on September 25, 1896. His father, a farmer, died when the boy was small and he was brought up by his mother. He took degrees in political science and law. During the First World War he served as an artillery officer and was decorated.

Afterwards the war he enrolled in the Socialist Party and set himself on a course the first time when he was view.



surprised distributing pamphlets entitled Under the Barbarous Fascist Domination.

During a trial, at which he was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, he calmly stated that he accepted full responsibility for his action, adding that he was willing to die if necessary for his political faith. Released from prison, he was attacked six times by Fascist squads, once when wearing a conspicuous red tie on May

Pertini was subsequently condemned to five years' internal exile but escaped first to Milan and then, with Filippo Turati, the great socialist figure of the day, by boat to Corsica. Pertini worked in Paris washing taxis and then moved to Nice where he earned a living as a building labourer. He was sought by the Fascist police but returned to Italy in 1929 because he wanted to found a clandestine Socialist movement. He was recognized, arrested and sentenced to 11 years' jail by a special tribunal, five years of which he spent in prison and the rest in domestic exile, A hero of the Resistance

Movement, Pertini was awarded the Gold Medal of Valour and helped organize the liberation struggle in northern Italy.

He had to wait until 1969 for a public post suitable to his talents when he was elected Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies. He was reconfirmed

It was from this post that Pertini moved in July 1978 to the Quirinale only symbolically, in a sense: he continued to live in his comparative modest flat near the Trevi Fountain which was in fact comfortably close to the President's palace. He used the official residence only for work and for entertaining.

At the end of the war Pertini married Carla Bruni whom he met when she was working for the Resistance, A professional psychiatrist, known for her unconventional views, she refused to accept the responsibilities of a first lady which inevitably brought him on the grounds that her husinto conflict with Fascism, band had been elected presi-Early in 1925, only months dent by Parliament, not by after Mussolini's seizure of her. Her husband was in power, Pertini was arrested for complete agreement with her

John Taylor

Our duty to share the good news

word. It conjures up pictures of ing our homes with a style of delivery which is more like physical assault than a reasoned case. The kind of questions it asks — Are you saved? do not admit to any other acceptable answer than yes. Any attempt to say "Yes, but ..." or "Saved from what ...?" are interpreted as clear evidence of the "unsaved" character of the one confronted. It operates in slogans and claims to offer a simple Gospel.

This is however, a caricature of what evangelism is about, although it is sufficiently close to the truth to make the granting of television franchises a matter of serious concern to Christians who do not want the complexities of life reduced to the level of an animated cartoon. It remains true nonetheless that evangelism is a good word distored by linking it in some quarters with the word "aggressive". It does not have to be a blunt instrument used to beat people over the head. There are other ways of proceedings.

At the heart of evangelism is good news; good news about God; good news about community; good news about each individual. The good news about God is that he is not a capricious, whimsical God who is just as likely to swat you as caress you. He is a God of love who can be trusted, upon whom you can rely. The good news about community is that as God loves us, so we are meant to live in a community which embodies that

We are not meant to live alone. isolated and introverted. We are meant to live for each other. The good news about each individual is that each is loved by God in his or her uniqueness, each having special value in the sight of God which no one can

good news is different according to

who he is and according to where he

stands. For someone who is hungry,

good news is bread. For someone who

take away, each having a potential which no one else can fulfil. Each person's perspective on the is thirsty, good news is clean drinking water. For someone who is alone, good news is a neighbour who calls. For an isolated community, good news is a better bus service. The provision of all these things is a proper Christian concern, for the meeting of specific, real human need is the setting where it is possible to hear the good news about God, about fellow human beings and about the value of each individual human life.

It is a proper Christian concern that the story should be told, that the facts of the Christian faith should be rehearsed and a reason given for the faith within; and all of this in words. Particular as is the nature of good news for some people in terms of bread or water, that does not remove from the Christian witness the hope that there will come a point when he will be able to tell the story of Jesus of Nazareth and give an account of why

it all matters.

It is here that for some the distinction is to be found between mission and Evangelism. Every move outwards, every step away from self towards another, is mission. Evangelism on the other hand is the attempt to move beyond the actions which, it is claimed (sometimes

Question of lifestyle

truthfully), speak louder than words, to words themselves. Evangelism tries to articulate the faith. It is a deliberate attempt to communicate in words the good news about God which is at the beart of the Christian proclamation.

In the end whether such a distinction between mission and evangelism is right does not matter, as long as some effort is made to articulate the faith in words as well as in acts of service. What is clear, however, is that acts of service must not be undertaken with the sole object of engineering an opportunity to speak

the word of witness. That opportunity may or may not present itself. Kindness towards others should be the natural overflow of the Christian's own experience of the love of God. It is not shown out of any ulterior motive, however good it may be. The opportunity to tell the story or to give verbal expression to what the Christian believes will come quite naturally without the need to hammer aggressively on the world's door. It all comes down to a question of life

style.

To describe the working of the Kingdom of God, Jesus used pictures. He described it as leaven in the lump, as salt seasoning the whole, as seed growing secretly. Such imagery implies that Christian witness will not be a blunt instrument used to beat the world over the head, but rather the quiet unobtrusive insertion of the Christian perspective into the bloodstream of the individual and of society. It will permeate the whole.

Such an approach does not rail at people. It does not go about producing guilt where there is none, although it does point up the consequences of individual wrong-doing as well as seeking the eradication of social evil and injustice.

The proclamation of the Gospel will involve the church and individual Christians in bearing witness, by word or deed, to the God of love. It will involve them in creating the kind of community where all find support, where no one is excluded. To achieve such involvement Christians will have to be engaged, at a local, regional, national and international level, in living issues. The church can expect to be pushed aside unless Christians are prepared to commit themselves to the day to day work of creating community.

It is in such a context that exercising the option for the poor must become the Christian priority. Life is lived out in a social and political framework. The Christian cannot therefore avoid social and political involvement without the

Christian life being reduced to an individual, private matter. The presence of committed Christians in every level of society is likely to be more effective Evangelism than the confrontational approach which so often bears that name.

All of this implies for the church, in terms of its own house-keeping, preparing the yeast, keeping the salt dry, storing the seed which will give next year's harvest. The presence of the yeast or the salt will be felt throughout the structures of society. It will bear witness to God's activity

Challenge norms of society

in the large affairs of the world as well as in the quiet, ordinary surroundings of normal daily life. If they are to be the yeast or the salt in the world at large, Christians need to be better

The church must therefore find new and more effective ways of nurturing and teaching its own members. Even in the church there is an appalling ignorance of the Christian scriptures and Christian theology. Those who are to be live yeast in society must be able to rehearse the Christian story and know how it resonates with the life of the world. Those who are to be sait must know how and when the Christian message challenges the norms of society, when, for example, power is judged by a king who takes a towel and washes his servants' feet.

Those who are to be seed growing alongside others must themselves be deeply rooted in the traditions of the church. If this nurture is to be available, if teaching is to be given. then the ministers of the church need to regain their lost nerve and offer it. They need to be willing to share their own expensive theological education with others.

The Rev John Taylor is General Secretary of the Division of Ministries of the Methodist Church.

Forthcoming marriages

and Lady Lilias Graham

The engagement is announced between Lilias, daughter of the **Duke and Duchess of Montros** and Johnny, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Bell, of Ngiana, Masterton, New Zealand.

Mr J.E.F. Campbell and Miss P.A. O'Brien

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs L.E.F. Campbell, of Feathercombe, Surrey, and Patricia, daughter of Mr and the Jan Mr. LA. O'Pain The Old late Mrs J.A. O'Brien. The Old Vicarage, Swaffham, Norfolk.

Mr A. d'Epinois George and Miss C.A. Brodie Cooper Andrew, elder son of Dr and Mrs John George, of Beverston, Tetbury, Glos, and Cristina, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Brodie Cooper, of Little Bookham, Surrey, are pleased to announce their engagement.

Mr A.J. Dixon and Miss J Bohr
The engagement is announced between Andrew James, son of Mr and Mrs D.M. Dixon, of Wimbledon, London, and Julie, daughter of Mr Erik Bohr, and Mrs Ellen Bohr, of Copenhagen,

Señor M. Gallego Rodriguez and Miss T.T. Lacey
The engagement is announced
between Manolo, elder son of Senores De Gallego, of Madrid, and Tanya, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.I. Lacey, of London, Mr R.H, Hall

and Miss A.J. Clayton-Smith The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs B.A. Hall. Burton-on-Trent, and Alison, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Clayton-Smith, of Lichfield, Staffordshire.

Mr D.S. Hickmet

and Miss B.L. Hyde The engagement is announced between David Saladin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Nevvar Hickmet, of Lowfield Heath, Sussex, and Brenda Lea, younger daughter of The Reverend and Mrs D.J. Hyde, of

Mr S.J. Harris and Miss C.J. Ashfield The engagement is announced between Simon J. Harris and Miss Caroline Ashfield.

and Miss J.S. Blanch and Miss J.S. Bianca
Parents and friends are to be
congraiulated on their patience
in awaiting the engagement now
announced between John, son
of Mr and Mrs J. Hillan, of Christleton, Chester, and Juliet, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. W.M. Blanch, of Hope Cove, Devon. Mr D.E.N. Lewis

and Miss A.L. Kay The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Lewis, of Reigate, Surrey, and Andrea, daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Payne, of Romeau Hampehira Romsey, Hampshire.

Mr G.P. Lloyd Williams and Miss T. Painter The engagement is announced between Giles, only son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Lloyd Williams, of Partridge Green, West Sussex, and Trudi, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs. John Canning, of Middle Aston,

Oxfordshire. Mr S.R. Lowde and Miss J.M. Barnes The engagement is announced between Shaun, only son of Mr and Mrs David Lowde, of Churchdown, Gloucestershire, and Joanna, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony David Barnes, of Edgbaston, Birmineham.

Mr A.E. Montagu and Miss L.H. Gaden The engagement is announced between Alan, son of Major and Mrs M.D. Montagu, of Barnaby Farm, Beccles, Suffolk, and Louise Helen, twin daughter, of Mr and Mrs A.G.H. Gaden, of Trull, Taunton, Somerset.

Mr C.R. Vercoe and Miss T.C. Lacey The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Dr and Mrs M.G.S. Vercoe, of Coventry, and Tiffany, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G.I. Lacey, of London.

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The increasing number of closed motor carriages testifies to extended disregard of inclement weather, but these vehicles are peculiarly depen-dent on non-skid tires for safe running on muddy roads. As it is, complaints are frequently made by owners of small cars and cyclists that the drivers of large cars are unduly reluctant to diverge from the crown of the road; and it is certain that the way the ordinary paid driver would deport himself, if he had to drive a heavy car with high landaulet top on well-cambered muddy roads in a strong side wind by the help of smooth pneumatic tires, would be a manding exceptional command of the resources of expostula-

The present winter has afforded a singular number of favourable days for driving. At the beginning of January, for many consecutive days the roads and atmosphere were most inviting. But the same winter has presented to the majority of motorists their first experience of driving in snow and ice. Then the usual non-

or bite that wheels armoured with them slide like skate-blades. Hence chain non-skids, forming a com-promise between rubber and metal, were generally more useful in the snow and slush than either plan or studded tires. The same climatic conditions also occasioned no little inquiry as to the best means of securing water jackets, radiator and pump against fracture by the forma-

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So far as the average automobilist is concerned, the present winter has produced one paper and discussion which in practical importance out-weighs all others of the kind. This was Mr Martineau's paper on accessibility and cleanliness, read before the Institution of Automobile En-

gineers on January 16.

Mr Martinean is well known as a highly original motor-car designer, who for many years has pinned his faith to the horizontal engine, in spite of the universal vogue of the vertical engine. The only considerable novelty at the show at Olympia in November was the Pilgrim car, Mr Martineau's latest production. It is necessary to keep these circumstances in mind, for, though the author declared that in his paper he had "tried to consider each item from the standpoint both of the vertical and horizontal engined car," he confessed, at the same time, that he thought the horizontal engine much more accessible.

Birthdays today Lord Bridge of Harwich, 73: Mr Peter Carter-Ruck, solicitor, 76; Peter Carter-Ruck, solicitor, 76; Mr Johnny Cash, singer, 58; Sir Peter Cazalet, former deputy chairman, BP, 61; Mr David Edgar, playwright, 42; Mr Justice Farquharson, 62; Sir James Goldsmith, company chairman, 57; Dr B.J. Greenhill, author, 70; Mrs. Evman Kirkhau, eec. 70; Miss Emma Kirkby, so-prano, 41; Mr Gerald Priestland, broadcaster and au-thor, 63; Mr E.D. Weekes, cricketer, 65.

Today's royal engagement

The Duke of Edinburgh will open the new extension of the Castle Hotel, Windsor, at 12.20.

Dinner

India League The India League held a dinner on Saturday at the St James Court Hotel to bid farewell to the Indian High Commissione and Mrs Rasgotra. Dr and Mrs K. Shelvankar received the guests. Among those present were:

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behaviour. But the wiring of mam-mal brains is just too complicated to follow in this way: scientists need an entirely new approach if they are to go beyond a simple description of the overall activity of large groups of calls in the histogramus.

of cells in the hippocampus.

Traub and his team initially wrote a computer program to simulate a network of 100 nerve cells. This program encapsulated a mathematical description of the nerve cells, as well as the chemical connections, or synapses, through ONeture-Times News Service, 1990

between seizures - can be sparked by the firing of a single neuron. He and his colleagues are begin-ning to experiment with the model, varying the interactions between their simulated nerve cells (impossible with living tissue), to under-stand how the brain functions.

Peter Aldhous

Nature notes GOLDEN PLOVER

Golden plevers are acquiring their glittering summer planmage and returning to the heather-covered moors. The males fly with slow wing-beats over their territories, repeating a sobbing, musical cry. If a human walks across a number of adjacent territories, each male in furn comes close to warth, then turn comes close to watch, then seems to pass the intruder on to the next bird.

ing, spaced out like primrose-coloured markers along the hedges.

Coots collect pond weed from underwater but come to the surface to exi it: other coots often try to steal it. Now the males are starting to compete for nesting places, there Long-tailed tits are prospecting for ness-sites in gorse and hawthorne bushes: to line their nests they will collect as many as 2,000 feathers discarded from other birds' are more fights than ever. In spite of the warm weather, blackbirds have begun to sing later this year because of the accompanying winds — though a few have already been reported nesting. Yellowhammers have started sing-

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improvisation to an audience of

committed listeners. The draw-

WKCR plays some 70 hours of

jazz each week, alongside classical and "ethnic" music. As far as

hard-core fans are concerned, its

most celebrated features have

been the non-stop retrospectives devoted to the recorded output of individual musicians. The last

such tribute, held in November,

concentrated on the veteran drummer, Art Blakey. "It lasted," says the station DJ, Elliott Bratton, "roughly 200 hodgs—that's about a week and two days."

I spoke to Bratton while he was actually presenting a show. There was ample time for us to talk,

since he was playing a 22-minute

track by the uncompromising modern pianist Don Pullen. The kind of music, in short, which is likely to deter any casual button-twiddler. There is little chance of

such a piece going out on Jazz FM,

Britain's first non-pirate, all-jazz radio station, which is launched on Sunday. Two hundred-hour marathons are also out of the

question, which will come as a

relief to anyone not interested in

Art Blakey.

The big difference, of course, is that WKCR is not a commercial enterprise. Attached to Columbia

University, it relies on subsidies and contributions from benevo-

lent listeners. Jazz FM, by con-

trast, will exist in a barsher world

where advertising revenue and

where advertising revenue and audience figures are crucial. All of which explains why the station's early test transmissions have been playing music that is not normally thought of as jazz. Diehard jazz buffs, tuning to the 102.2 frequency, have come away shaking their heads as they describe hear.

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ing strains of a soul singer - Anita Baker - or even a middle-of-the-

The station's co-founder, Dave

Lee, knows that the policy is likely

Hilary Finch

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years of this century seem to be

The combination - interaction.

bewildered when confronted by

Fourth Symphony it is unusually

road artist like Al Jarreau.

back is that it is in New York.

One of the enduring mysteries of the 1980s is why the decade produced so little major drama based on current affairs. No O'Casey for Ireland, no Gals-worthy to deal with Thatcher's England not seen Embro England, not even an Emlyn Williams or an A.J. Cronin to deal with the miners' strike.

True, there was the play Pravda about the press revolution, but precious little else which is why on Channel 4 last night A Strike Out of Time promised so well. A dramatized documentary to mark the fifth anniversary of the miners' strike, it was written and directed by Paul Bryers in a style borrowed from Warren Beatty's Reds, the film which mixed reconstruction of the Russian Revolution with the eye witness accounts of those who lived through its aftermath.

But Bryers's first problem was the refusal of his two real-life stars the refusal of his two real-life stars to join the witnesses. Neither Arthur Scargill nor Ian MacGregor would take part, and in their absence two good lookalike performances (Paul Rogers as MacGregor and David Hargreaves as Scargill) were lumbered with the desperately pedestrian script which appeared to have been cobbled together from old press releases and not a lot else.

Although the strike was for all kinds of reasons — political as well as human — a major national tragedy, last night's dramatization was a disappointing fall between several stools. Hamlet was not only without the princes, but also without Shakespeare although in there somewhere remained all the components for a serious play.

In the end, it was left to Kim Howells of the South Wales NUM to deliver the epitaph to Scargil's dreams of a Socialist Republic of South Yerkshire. "All he had were corridors full of boys with broken arms pummelled into defeat."

But the figure of real fascination here was that of David Hart, the freelance journalist who became a shadowy adviser to MacGregor at the Coal Board. As interviewed, he proved to be a mild-mannered libertarian; as played by Jack Klaff in the dramatized sequences he was a siminister figure of infinite power who alone decided that the miners had to be crushed rather than negotiated into a compromise solution.

The biggest defeat for the movement since 1926 was also the moment when a century of trades unionism ended with one group pitching stones at another.

Men with too much past to be defeated also found themselves with no real future to be won, and there were moments when this greater truth could be glimpsed through Bryers's uneasy mix of newsreel and reconstruction and

But in the final analysis, the stars did not look down, the corn was not green, and the whole historical manoeuvre remained as foredoomed as Arthur Scargill's haircut.

Jazzing up the airwaves

Clive Davis examines the launch of Britain's first jazz radio station orget the publicity about Jazz FM. The jazz buff's and meets the man who beat Andrew Lloyd Webber to the prize slot dream radio station is already on the air, broadcasting undiluted



Dave Lee: he knows the policy is likely to displease purists, but is convinced that he is on the right tracks

to displease purists, but he is convinced that he is on the right tracks. "When we were doing the market research, there was one figure that stood out: 60 per cent of the people who were asked said they didn't like jazz. But they did like Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Hol-liday, George Benson and Nat

King Cole, artists like that.
"That's the kind of audience we need to go after. Instead of going down the extreme jazz road, we want to lead people by the hand, then we can play a higher propor-tion of real jazz later on. I hope the regular jazz people will just be

A seasoned pianist, Lee has played with some of the world's best soloists. As a session mu-sician, he has a batch of advertising jingles to his credit, and in the Sixties, he was musical director on That Was The Week That Was. The idea for an all-jazz station came to him a decade ago while he

that its invention was truly "In-

extinguishable" right to the end.

was shaving in a Los Angeles bathroom. The local jazz station was playing in the background, and Lee found himself wondering why London could not have its

Backed by a solid team of business associates, he began 'Sixty per cent of the

people said they didn't like jazz, but liked Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holliday, George Benson and Nat King

Cole. That's the audience we are after' lobbying the Home Office for a space on the airwaves. When the Government finally announced

plans for a new swathe of specialist

stations - known as "incremen-

tals" - Lee's company, London

CONCERTS

Jazz Radio, put in a bid for the London FM slot. Last July, to the surprise of even some of its senior members, the group came out on top, ahead of 31 other contenders including a much-fancied classical consortium with Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Jazz FM's daytime output will lean towards soul, Latin music and R&B, with most of the straight jazz content being reserved for the evening. Apart from the younger, daytime DJs, the specialist line-up includes Benny Green and the trad cornet playercum-educationalist, Digby Fair-weather. There will also be a "jazz book at bedtime", launched with Ross Russell's biography of Charlie Parker, Bird Lives.

As for the avant-garde, the Cecil Taylors and John Zorns, Lee promises that there will be a slot, but "at an avant-garde hour". "It's the same as a classical station playing Stockhausen. You can't

Settings of Six Russian Folk

toach to the textures - were

entertaining pieces, though occa-

sionally over-cluttered with in-

strumental detail. Most of the

settings also seemed to have three

verses too many, but folk songs

usually do. The cycle finished with

"Kalinka" — hoary old veteran of a

Jill Gomez sang these with a

greater sense of style than she had

earlier seemed to command in

Shostakovich's settings of Seven

Poems of Alexander Blok. These

songs move extremely subtly from

calmness to unease, from mease to

a neurosis, manifest in obsessively

repeated phrases, and from neuro-

sis to anguished outbursts that

split the music's restraint like an

axe splitting a log.

Gomez and the Nash in-

of the notes, but did not always

capture the spirit of the music.

However, the players went on to

offer an affecting performance of

Shostakovich's Piano Quintet, a

beautiful work played with great

rumentalists gave a good account

thousand Red Army Choir con-

play hours of it during the day, because listeners will switch off." The sceptics are already mutter-

ing about a betrayal. But past experience suggests that the mar-ket for jazz allows little margin for error. The Los Angeles station which first inspired Lee, for instance - KKGO - recently took jazz off FM and switched to classical instead, leaving jazz only on the lesser AM frequency.
According to a spokesman, part of
the audience had gradually defected to "New Age" music. A more acerbic view came from one local listener, the respected critic and composer, Leonard Feather. "It was having problems keeping its identity. They were getting complaints from trad fans who said there was too much fusion, while the fusion lovers were saying exactly the opposite."

As Lee indicates, the best compromise may be a format which does not pretend that jazz is the be all and end all. One of the liveliest stations in Paris, FIP part of Radio France - tries to maintain a ratio of 20 per cent jazz during the day, mixed with classi-cal and pop. In the early evening jazz takes over completely for an hour and a haif.

Presentation is kept as brief as possible; station executive Fran-cois Jouffa describes the smoky female tones as the voice of an air hostess speaking over the intercom: "We want to keep it accessible. We don't want presenters to sound like they're reading from an encyclopaedia of jazz."

In the meantime, the Jazz FM staff are still trying to sort out their definitions of the art form. According to Lee, Scott Joplin is out, but Anita Baker is in ("She's a jazz singer whose albums aren't jazz," he says, bafflingly.) Glenn Miller seems to be another borderline case. "In The Mood" is unlikely to pass the test, but the later work by the Army Air Force Orchestra is expected to find a niche in the big band shows. Sinatra, Jimi Hendrix, Ravel, B.B. King . . . you could go on and on. The fanatics certainly will.

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The Moor's Pavane Theatre Royal, **Bury St Edmunds**

The tiny stage of the beautiful little Georgian Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds offers a challenge to anyone programming an evening of ballet, but it was specifically to meet such challenges that Peter Schaufuss extensively developed the idea of a touring chamber group of dancers. from English National Ballet.

Starting a new tour, they offered on Friday a programme in which, wisely, pure ballet classicism was confined to the love duet and showpiece solos from Bournonville's Flower Festival at Genzano, ebulliently danced by Christine Camillo and Matz Skoog. There was one new production,

The Moor's Pavane, first given by this company in Athens last December and receiving its British premiere. José Limón, one of the great names of an earlier genera-tion of American dance, died in 1972; contrary to usual expectation, his reputation has been growing ever since.

Limon subtitled the work-

"Variations on the theme of Othello". He does not tell the story at all realistically, but lets the characters reveal their emotions in an under-stated, almost abstractway during formal dances to music by Purcell. Even so, it couldtake more powerful performances than the bulky, bearded Diego Ciavatti and his colleagues provide.

Similarly, in Aureole, only Theresa Jarvis as the leading woman had a true feeling for Paul Taylor's lyric style. The performance as a whole looked too light and balletic, without humour or power to give it character. But even Taylor's own dancers would have had problems with so little space and with David Johnson's stolid piano playing of the Handel music.

Consequently, the evening's climax was unambiguously Swan-song, with its original cast of Koen Ouzia, Matz Skoog and Kevin Richmond to give full value to Christopher Bruce's impassioned dance drama.

David Fallows

RLPO/Haenchen Liverpool

It will be interesting to see how much our cultural life changes as a result of the amazing events of the past few months and of the bold plans laid for a future united Europe. There may also be distinguished continental musicians who fail to be heard in Britain. simply because our country is small and our support for the arts is relatively meagre. But it is still surprising that a first-rate East German conductor can have a massively successful career in a country as near as The Netherlands but remain virtually un-

Haenchen showed himself to be

beginning of this concert, when Beethoven's often despised Prometheus Overture emerged with ... startling lyricism. It could also be heard in .

Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto, where he mixed well with the strikingly different musicianship of Pascal Devoyon, who made up for certain lapses of detail with a sparkling and irresistible sense of shape and phrasing.

But none of this quite prepared :: the listener for the memorable... reading of Schubert's Great C Major Symphony that ended the concert. Perhaps it was the conductor's experience in The Netherlands that gave him a sense of the new colours and formal attitudes that come with the original-instruments movement Bright timpani, gentle trombones and reedy woodwind declared this to be a performance of the 1990s. An emphasis on the colour of the individual phrase brought out many details that usually go

allowed a climax to develop a little unsteadily out of the astonishing stillness he created, he nevertheless demonstrated that he is a conductor who must be heard far more in Britain

she must riposte, "I'm trying,

Whelan has more success with the play's stagier bits than McMahon; but then less

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In this continuous work, Davis's skill was to sense out the nimble changes of rhythmic course which fuel its tonal fire. By pitting the best of his soloists one against The BBC's Scandinavian season another - the curl of a flute phrase has given their Symphony Orinto the thrumming of a viola, the raw signal of the clarinet into the chestra the chance to do their bit in the great and gradual reinstatesteel of the strings - the fluctuatment of Nielsen, which the closing

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even — of Robert Simpson's outstanding programme notes and It was complemented by an equally powerful interpretation of equally perceptive musical directhe Second Symphony of Nielsen's tion from the baton of Andrew contemporary, Sibelius. Finlandia Davis made this an unusually had introduced us to his sound satisfying concert. world, and to the orchestra's Too many pairs of ears, schooled in the Austro-German, supple invigoration of its pounding rhythms and its light handling wooed by the Latin, and stimuof the dense brass chords.

lated by the atonal, are still Davis went to the heart of the Sibelius paradox: the surge of the small motif countering the lithe-Nielsen. One of the tricks, as Simpson pointed out and Davis ness of the broad melodic swathe. showed with rare panache, is to In matching the tightening of surrender to the pull of the music's tempo and harmony, he created a harmonic dynamism; and in the tension which did away with the need for the signposting so often imposed on its Finale, and drew Davis literally ran into the playing of exceptional clarity from symphony's opening, and ensured

Richard Morrison

Nash Ensemble Wigmore Hall

Birthday presents, in the shape of world premieres, keep on arriving in the Nash Ensemble's typically adventurous 25th anniversary season. But festive and celebratory are not words that sprang to mind as one listened to Colin Matthews's new Three-part Chaconne

It is an elegantly thought-out piece, its structure as coge uadratic equation — and for the utes of its nine-min duration it fizzes into a crackin allegro. The pianist's left-hand transforms what had been a lugubrious opening recitative into a dazzling sprint up the keyboard, which the strings urge onwards with trills. But earlier, the Chaconne theme had been worked out rather emestly in convoluted, chromatic counterpoint that lacked a clearly defined expressive

Elsewhere, the programme had a Russian flavour. John Tavener's

Songs - for soprano and a weird chamber ensemble which included the balalaika-like domra, supplying the appropriate Dr Zhivago

known here. In several ways Hartmut

an individual and important artist at his début with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. He has that uncanny skill of being able to create musical space: the music may be going at breakneck speed, but there is always room for the players to phrase with freedom and flexibility. That was clear right from the

If Haenchen once or twice

When a wife finds that her husband has Aids hypocritical. As he sees it, the

THEATRE Benedict Nightingale

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Before the plague has run its course there will, one suspects, be quite a few plays about the predicament of the wife who discovers that her husband could be infected with Aids and she herself may be a victim too. Let us hope some of them grab the heart and mind more powerfully than Jack Bradley's well-meant but trite two-hander at the Rose. Andrew Whelan's Ryk is an

earnest ambulanceman, a vocation which (so the programme solemniy assures us) "has no bearing on any cur-rent industrial dispute". Deborah McMahon's smiling Judi wears a CND badge, belongs

Opera 80's 10th anniversary

season is turning out to be

something of a retrospective

celebration. This year when,

ironically, they plan to extend

their activity to include a four-

week autumn tour, there is all

Where Lucia di Lammer-

moor (reviewed here two

weeks ago) over-stretched the

young cast cruelly in vocal

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lands them in stylistic terri-

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bit as much strangers as are the Pontevedrians in Paris.

Even the most perverse offerings of the early Opera 80

at least provided audiences

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Hilary Finch

The Merry Widow

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Wilfred Judd has provided

his eager audiences (most

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In failing to establish any

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Danilo (Richard Halton) both

showed scope for considerable

vocal panache when they were

not stuck in the grip of a

Baron Zeta (Ian Platt) and

played out

routine.

truck driver called Brian. Hardly less believable, it has never occurred to Judi that the two men have done anything more intense than exchange brotherly opinions about soccer. Even when Ryk explains his fears, she at first assumes he naively believes Aids can be caught by breathing the same air as a Tottenham supporter: "What is it about men that makes you think even viruses are attracted to

best friend, a homosexual

serene. The caring wife screeches "vile" and begins packing her suitcase, not-withstanding Ryk's attempts to appease her with lines such as "I'm glad I'm finally able to be bonest and share it with For the dramatist, this re-

tently strong profile.

interesting.

in a new decade.

When she finally twigs the truth, though, she is less

action is understandable but

his disloyalty may result in Judi's death, more that she is a liberal "out there" but not one "in here". She must bring her personal and political views into synchronism. There is one fine scene. That is a broken monologue,

main problem is less Rvk's

long-term deception, less that

David Beaton, in which Whelan's Ryk obliquely quiz-zes an invisible doctor about the perils facing him. But most of the time I found neither main character particularly sympathetic or plausible. Through much of it they struck me as posturing twits. When Judi complains of unfairness, Ryk must wisely opine, "Life isn't fair." When

play what his author sees as a very decent man trying to. handle a painful situation as reasonably as he knows. She staged with nice simplicity by must variously embody unquestioning love, a shrill sense of injury, and finally - hardest. of all - affectionate appreciation of his sexual and viral

> Ne wonder there is some thing strenuous about Mc-Mahon's performance. Playing this stuff must feel like swimming against the tide through a sea of carrot juice. Seeing it certainly does.



Unmerry widow is stripped bare Morcambe and Wise two-Heather Lorimer, a dignified, sometimes radiant Widow, came into her own in both the simplicity and vitality of her Act II numbers; though with Stephen Barlow conducting an orchestra more suited to the Prater than the Theater an der Wien, she was hard put to establish a consis-Eleanor Bennett's Valencienne and Andrew Forbes-Lane's Camille were similarly small scale and rather less Opera 80 will have to do some serious rethinking if they are to justify their place

The rise and rise of a high-flyer

Transatlantic status for Manchester

is expected soon. Harvey Elliott

explains why this is so important

ecil Parkinson, the Transport Secretary, hopes in the next few weeks to sign an agree-ment with his American opposite number formally recognizing Manchester as a gateway to Britain, despite yesterday's revelation of his embarrassing misunderstanding with Washington. Tens of thousands of transatiantic passengers already fly into and out of the airport still commonly known as Ringway. But with gateway status, the airport authorities' ambition of enabling more of the 20 million people in the catchment area to fly direct scross the Atlantic will have a chance of being realized.

It has been a long, hard struggle involving intensive political lobbying, the threat of court action and bitter battles against some of the large airlines. The airlines have often regarded Manchester's ambition as "anti-British" and unhelpful to their attempt to win more concessions from the Americans in return for allowing more of their airlines into Britain.

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The critics claim that once Manchester services can be negotiated in the same way as those from Heathrow or Gatwick, American carriers will flood in and operate a range of inter-European services after the creation of the single market that will dilute the profitability, and even the viability, of British airlines.

The view is not shared by the 21 directors on the Manchester Airport company board. They ask with some persuasiveness why millions of scheduled airline passengers living in the north should be forced to travel to London for

their long-haul flights.

And they question why bureaucratic manoeuvrings and some airlines' desire to retain their dominance in the south should stop the expansion of Britain's premier regional airport.

However, despite the problems and legal hurdles put in their path, the airport's owners have still been able to make the most remarkable strides in establishing Manchester as a key centre for both scheduled

and charter passengers.

This has been achieved even though Manchester is owned not just by one local authority but by 10 - regarded by many as a recipe for overmanning, inefficiency and financial failure. Manchester City Council appoints nine directors to the board and the other nine district councils in Greater Manchester appoint one each. The other directors are the chief executive and two other senior executives of the company.

Last year the company made a £42 million pre-tax profit and is confident of making another handsome profit this year, despite the holiday travel slump and the

high cost of borrowing money. Because the ownership is tied up with local councils, however, the board still needs government approval to borrow money for further improvements. The restriction in practice has done little to hinder development but it still



The world calls: international sirilines at the airport. Right: Cocil Purkinson (ixes the new terminal's first steel piece, witnessed by Gil Thompson (left) and Peter Smith, the chair

rankles with the directors. Somehow these problems have been overcome and in the past 10 years Manchester has grown faster than almost any other large airport in the world. Now almost 11 million passengers a year pass through its terminals, nearly three times the 1979 figure, and ambitious schemes are being pushed through at an astonishing rate.

In the 1990s the airport will spend more than £1 million every week on a new terminal and improvements to passenger and freight operations. In this way the company hopes to grab the lion's share of the booming scheduled air transport market, which is growing fast while the charter

holiday market reaches a plateau. The Far East is especially attractive. Without the bureaucratic stalemate that has hit transatlantic services, there is huge scope for future growth from countries such as Japan and Thailand.

anchester Airport began life as a para-chute training school. During the Second World War more than 70,000 paratroopers learned their art from its runways. In 1946 it was turned over to civilian use and 10,000 passengers flew from it in that first full year. Ringway today has a large and efficient terminal for international

passengers, another for domestic passengers, office blocks, mainte-nance hangars and an impressive

freight terminal.

The airport even took the lead in appointing an environmental control manager long before the green lobby emerged. With his backing, the airport is advising operators they can fly in and out with comparatively little problem at any time of the day or night, provided they use the new generation of quiet jets such as the British Aerospace 146.

Although the airport wants to remain on friendly terms with those who live near by and to ensure that airlines using it create as little noise as possible, its first

priority is to serve the millions of two hours' drive, making the cargo passengers attracted by the ease of access and the comparatively hassic free start to their journeys.

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The whole aviation world has been plagued with security problems in recent years, and Manchester was again in the lead by spending an additional £3 million on new X-ray control equipment, search areas and 93 extra security guards.

Extra check-in desks keep

queues to a minimum, runways and taxiways have been widened and resurfaced, and more than 9,000 cars can now be parked close to the airport.

More than 60 per cent of British manufacturing industry is within

terminal the country's leading freight gateway, serving more than 80 destinations,

If Manchester can win support from the Government and international airlines, its future looks rosy. As Heathrow and Garwick reach saturation more of the millions of potential passengers north of Watford are trying to avoid starting journeys from congested southern airports. Businessmen particularly are seeking ways of saving time and money by flying from the leading regional centre rather than battling through London or along the M25. The author is The Times Air

An international vision

From his office window Gil Thompson will watch his airport growing around him. The chief executive at number three among British airports has a panoramic view of new buildings emerging from scratch marks in the ground; freight facilities, the tentacles of a new passenger terminal, a maintenance hangar hig en-ough to swallow two jumbos and a pair of airbuses, and a steadily increasing arream of airtiners es final approach or

The development plans are bold and strongly commercial. Thompson says the prime considerations of his cus-

The chief executive is keen to retain business but he stresses:

'It is the world that is our oyster'

tomers and himself are the Thompson is a dapper, meticulous man with a lot of airlines. Attracting passengers - one fleetingly pictured them as a silvery, subsidiary wake to energy. He has spent 40 years in the airline business and has cultivated Manchester's pas-senger numbers from four

h-altitude jets — was a job for the airlines. The Thompson philosophy has paid dividends because chester now lists more than 100 airlines large and small as customers and last year increased its retained

million - the point at which, he says, an airport enters the seriously big league. Overcrowding in the southeast and a cheek-to-cheek profit by more than £5 million to £16.7 million. position with 60 per cent of dustry has helped. Million by the airlines and by the sirport company to secure a large slice of travel business, which he believes is bound to

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charter market and flights now spread directly from the city around the globe. This "world-friendly" im-

age is represented by the new corporate logo launched this month to mark a new decade and a new phase in the airport's development. Thompson says: "We have

anticipated growth in the past and been fortunate. The runway was lengthened just before the first jumbos came in million a year to more than 10 and it was the same with car parking and other facilities. "We still have to anticipate

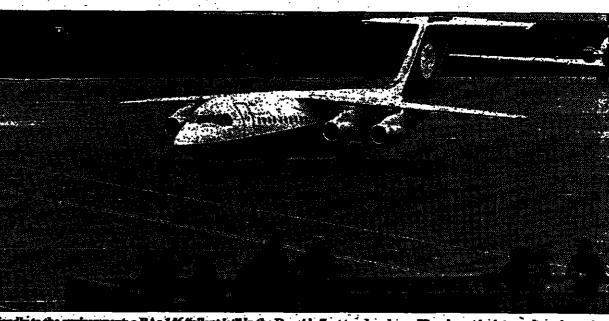
the market. We cannot delay until these are six million passengers waiting for the traffic to serve them. We can fund all the developments sources. There are no handouts from the Government."

Thompson says it is sophisticated marketing targeted at a 20 million catchment area plus an impressive choice of services that persuades northerners to use Manchester rather than their local sirport. Twenty-five per cent of Man-chester's traffic comes from Yorkshire but it is the future. deregulated international business that gives Thompson the

and a high estimate of 13 million and 16 Maintaining the busines million passengers a year in we already have is important but really it is the world that is nal opens. "This year will not our oyster," he says.

"Remember that American airports will be happy just to tourists spend on average £587 each and only 12 per cent The airport is important to the economy of the north-west. More than 9,000 people of Americans hold passports. Fewer than 5 per cent of Japanese have ever flown, and work there and this could rise think of the potentially huge to 15,000 by 1995 on the formula that a million more market that will open up in Eastern Europe. With cheaper flights that is the business we gers generate 1,000 ex-Manchester is responsible for 30 per cent of Britain's

Ronald Faux



Friendly to the environment: a BAe 146 "silent jet" in the Dun Air fleet touches down. The airport insists on the quieter aircraft

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hub for Europe

Ronald Faux on the plan to create

a focal point for flights

hen Captain Ivan Smirnoff landed his Fokker XII at Manchester in 1934 to survey the airport he was not mightily impressed. His objective was to survey the airfield on the KLM airline's behalf for a scheduled service between the city and Amsterdam. It was, he decided, quite unsuitable and KLM continued using Liverpool, linking with the transatiantic ocean services.

The rejection stung the city council into finding a site that would have satisfied the critical captain. Four years later. Ringway Airport opened. Manchester Barton remains much the same, a busy centre for private flying and training with grass runways, prop-wash waving the hedgerows and the buzz of light aircraft climbing north over the M6.

Manchester Ringway followed an entirely different historical route, and a mere 56 years on, Smirnoff would be astonished at the changes he provoked. Manchester is in the first division of international airports, attracting the traffic that allows it to be mentioned in the same breath as Schiphol. It is the hub, not a mere spoke serving Heathrow

But Manchester is a tightly contained airport, a "small package", as one airport maniger described its 1,500 acres. Like Gatwick it has a single runway and there seems little chance of adding another as the planners have put a green belt around the perimeter that

The airport board is confident that the expected surge in passenger and freight traffic in the 1990s can be served by the existing runway and the Gatwick has estimated its capacity with one runway at 27 million passengers a year. Manchester believes its single runway will be enough for the 21 million to 23 million passengers who could be using the airport by the turn of the century. More significant will be the motorway system feeding Manchester and its success at providing services that attract business away from the regional Liverpool, Birming-

East Midlands and

Leeds-Bradford airports.

In April the Manchester Interline hub project will be launched, creating a network of scheduled services with Manchester as a focal point and linking main airports in Europe and Britain. Already Manchester handles more internal flights than any other British airport. Facilities are arranged to speed passengers smoothly between airlines, and interlining in the United States shows this stimulates business even for airlines in aggressive competition with one another and increases the options. Frequency of service discounts the inconvenience of interlining in Manchester.

he airport board believes the time is ripe to launch the venture as Manchester is now used by more than 10 million passengers a year and more than 100 airlines. It is rich in customers but not to the point

For a year the marketing team has worked closely with airlines to co-ordinate flights. In practice this has meant some changes and juggling with arrival and departure times to allow flight transfers. Special passenger and baggage transfer systems will be introduced to reduce minimum connection times.

The planners say that when the potential is understood cannot be violated. and the results of interline cooperation become tangible, other carriers will want to become involved, enabling Manchester to pull in traffic to

How the reject has become a The science of keeping quiet

trying to be a good neighbour, reducing noise and pollution

anchester Air-port's dramatic expansion will depend essentiwidening separation of two graph lines. One line tracks the sharply increasing number of departing passengers, the aircraft carrying them (Ronald Faux writes). The airport benefits from being close to its main market, the industrial north, and being enmeshed by motorways, but the penalty is a concentration of communities below the flight path.

upwards in parallel would scriously inhibit growth. The airport's board this month passed a wide-ranging policy for the next decade, covering all things environmental from wild flowers to encouraging airlines to phase out older,

Any tendency for the two graphs to follow each other

noisier aircraft. Airlines that offend the prescribed noise levels are fined, and from its position as a desirable destination. Manchester may even remove operating slots from the offenders. The airport has spent £10

nillion on its environmental protection programme, in-cluding £1 million a year in grants for sound insulation in 12,000 properties close by. This is claimed to be the most penerous programme of its kind in Britain.

A scheme has been in-

troduced to compensate

householders whose properties have suffered vortex damage from the winged juggernauts passing overhead. The detail extends to deciding which trees are most suitable within the airport boundary. The number of bird strikes reported has fallen - even though traffic levels have doubled - by the simple expedient of planting trees on which birds find it more difficult to perch and by bombarding them with the alarm calls of



An eye on the environment: Dr Callum Thomas and the noise-reducing engine-testing unit, a steel arena that swallows sound as engines are run at full power

The pastoral quiet of the nearby River Bollin has been preserved by digging a new course for it outside the

rport boundary. Dr Callum Thomas, the environmental control manager, other measures the management is taking to maintain the airport as an acceptable neighbour.

ain's first big airport to operate a gine-testing unit. This is a £1.5 million steel arena designed acoustically to swallow sound. It surrounds the aircraft to be tested on three sides. The engines can then be run at full power, an operation that would normally shake nearby houses to their foundations,

but the roar is muted. By the time it has pene-trated double glazing and mingled with the normal sounds of home or office, the racket has become inoffensive. Aircraft taking off the most intrusive part of any

path that causes the least disturbance to those below. It is an optimum line over the nooflops that balances safety

Not all pilots obey, but a newly installed £200,000 surveillance system, the first to be at a British civil airport, plots the track of every departing

Airlines are likely to be oday Manchester fined or penalized if their has become Brit- aircraft stray from the path or offend any of the 16 noisemonitoring stations in south Manchester and Cheshire. These are linked to computers at the airport and give a flight number and decibel level for every culprit.

only concern while traffic swells, from 150,735 last year to perhaps 329,000 by the turn

Increasing European anxiety over air quality could be expected to act against the future development of airports as environmental attention swings from cars to aircraft.

However much the public

international travel, and as Manchester is acutely aware problems of noise, surveys

the pollution they emit. The supposed fall of "acid rain" has become an issue in the development of both Gatwick and Stansted Airports and the management at

reveal growing concern over

could be the most powerful brake on further development. A project to study water pollution near the airport will

start this year and environmental scientists have set up the Opsis system, which auto-

in the area around the airport. surely wise.

Thomas points out: "Over the next 10 to 15 years, there will be a 75 per cent reduction

'Aviation cannot hope to escape from the same sort of

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ners say, human in scale. The terminal will be self-contained with its own motorway access. A £25 million rail link with Manchester city centre will provide three trains an hour and regular direct services from Bolton, Preston, Biackpool and the

ity to 18 million a year.

The building has been designed by the architects Scott, Brownigg and Turner. AMEC is the management contractor and Taylor Woodrow the

chester Airport company.

centre has become the nation's freig capital; more than 60 per cent of

Last year, 83,600 tons of freight and mail were handled but the general growth in traffic could increase this to 250,000 tons, Only a quarter was carried on flights devoted purely to

r flights, although the north

tlantic freight trade. As there are 700 flights from London to the United States for every 36 from to send goods from Manchester.

ports to benefit from many more

on is philosophical about that. "We have to convince the airlines that the world does not begin and end the flights, and you will have the and the egg will follow."



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★ BUS STOP: Jerry Hall plays Cherie, the nightclub singer, waiting for the bus at a Kansas diner; with Sean Caseldy as

David Heaty.
Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3686). Tube: Piccadilly. Preview (01-437 3696). Tube: Piccadilly. Preview tonight 8pm, opens tomorrow 7-8pm, then Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 6-8pm and 8.45-10.45pm. Previews 24-£10, from Feb 27 25-£16. (D)

★ DIVERSIONS AND DELIGHT% Oscar
Wilde looks back on his lite in Donald
Sinden's one-man show. Limited

Playhouse Theatre, Northumerbland Ave, WC2 (01-839 4401). Tube: Embankment. Then Mon-Sat 8pm, 25-£15. (D)

★ EXCHANGE: Martin Jarvis heads the cast in Michael Frayn's translation of long-running Moscow hit by Trifonov: flat-searching and heart-searching in modern Soviet Union.

Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9987). Tube: Charting Cross. Mon-Fri 7-45-956pm, Sat 8.15-10.25pm, mats Wed 3-5.10pm and Sat 5-7.10pm, 28-£15.50.

☆ MAN OF THE MOMENT: Michael Gambon and Peter Bowles superb in Ayckbourn's masterly harsh comedy: ets evil on the Costa del So good meers eve on the custa are sur-Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (01-457 3867). Tube: Piccadilly Circus, Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-11pm, mats Wed 3-5.30pm and Sat 5-7.30pm, e72-64 sn

* MISS SAIGON: Great new musical, w miss sandow ergar rew missica, with Jonathan Pryce; thriffingly staged, Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, WC2 (01-836 8108). Tube: Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7.45-10.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-5.45pm, £7-£22.50.

* RACING DEMON: Richard Eyre directs David Hare's new play with
Michael Brayant as one of a group of
London clergymen trying to do good in
their inner-city mission.
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South
Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube:
Waterloo. Toningt announce Weet Waterloo. Tonight, tomorrow, Wed 7.30pm, mat Wed 2.30pm, £8.50. in

★ SAY HALLELUJAH: Jimi Rand's cornedy, about a grocer whose wife finds religion, opens the Sixth Black Theatre Season. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (01-748 3354). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £6. (D)

 ★ SIDE POCKETS: Burt Caesar directs new play set in a Harlem pool hall in the simmer of 1938 while Joe Louis fights Max Schmeling in the Yankee Stadium. Theetre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (01-534 0310), Tube: Stratford. Mon-Sat 8pm, 23-£10, (D)

LONG RUNNERS: * Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales Theatre (01-839 5972)... * Cats: New London Theatre Prince of Wales Theatre (01-839 5872)... & Catts: New London Theatre (01-405 0072)... & Les Lieisons Dangerouses: Ambassador Theatre (01-836 6111)... & Me and My Girt: Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913)... & Les Misérables: Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... & The Mousetrap: St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... & The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... & Run For Your Wife: Whitehall Theatre (01-867 1119)... & Startight Express: Apolio

OUT OF TOWN

Victoria (01-828 8665).

CANTERBURY: * Hindle Wakes: Joanne Heywood and Frederick Pyne in touring production of the 1912 serious comedy that dared to suggest that women should have as free a love-life

Mariowe Theatre, The Friars (0227 767248). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, 25-26.80. (D)

LIVERPOOL: & Tone of Money: Ayckbourn's NT version of the Aldwych ferce in which very complicated problems follow a scheme to grab an inheritance. Playhouse, Williamson Square (051 709 8363). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Set 8pm, mat Set 4pm, 21-27.50.

MANCHESTER: & The Winter's Tale: Sean Baker in Phillida Lloyd's directorial sizzling production; touring from Mar

19. Royal Exchange Theatre, St Ann's Square (061 833 9833). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm, £3.50-£13.

FILMS

E Also on national relea R Advance booking possible BLAZE (15): Colourful Americana from SUBJECT (19): CORUMNIA AMERICANE NOM
writer-director Ron Sheiton, with Paul
Newman in commanding form as ageing
Louisians governor Earl Long,
innocently in love with a stripper
(newcomer Lolita Davidovich) (118

Connon Haymarket (01-839 1527).
Progs 2.40, 5.20, 8.25.
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Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905).
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E CASUALTIES OF WAR (18): American atroctiles in Visitnam, viewed thoughtfully by director Brian De Palma; with Michael J Fox as the soldier wall minimes of the soldier standing apert from the brutal antics of Sean Penn (114 mins).

Warmer West End (01-439 0791).

Progs 12.56, 3.25, 6.05, 8.35.

DRIVING MISS DAISY (Up: Sweet, endearing film of Alfred Uray's play about a refined Southern tady (Jessica Tandy) and her black chauffeur (Morgan Freetran). Morganized (Sweet) Freeman). Nominated for nine Oscars; directed by Bruce Berestord. Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.25, 8.45.

FAMILY BUSINESS: Comedy-drama drawn upon a novel by Vincent Patrick with Sean Connery and Dustin Hoffman as members of a family of crime (100

mins). **Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111).** Progs 12-95, 2-45, 5-35, 8-25. LOCK UP (18): Sylvester Stalione trying to soft-pedal the brutality and brawn as a model prisoner faced with unhinged and vengeful warden (109 mino).

Carnon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 12.40, 3.15, 5.50, 8.25. SEA OF LOVE (18): Superior thriller, crackling with electricity. Al Pacino stars as a New York cop who becomes an extensible hearter with a emotionally involved with a murder suspect (Ellen Barkin). Directed by Harold Becker (113 mins). Carnon Baker Street (01-835 9772

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III STEEL MAGNOLIAS (PG): Dawdling but handsome version of Robert Harding's play about the cameraderie of Southern women, gathered together in a beauty partour. With Sally Fleid, Dolly Parton and Shirley MacLaine. Directed by Herbert Ross (117 mins). by reroar 1005 (117 mins). Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697). Progs 12.10, 2.55, 5.40, 8.25. Odeon Kensington (01-802 6644). Progs 12.35, 3.15, 6.00, 8.40. Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Cannon Chelses (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 4.15, 6.55, 9.25. **Whiteleys** (01-792 3303). Progs 1.35, 4.15, 6.45, 9.15.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

Arpegglone Sonata and Shostakovich's Sonata Op 147 are played by Yuri Bashmet (viola) and Mikhali Muntian St John's, Smith Square, London SW1

(01-222 1061), 1-2 pm, £3.50. Katharine Boyes, the piantst, performs Martinu's Prelude in the Form of a Foxtrot, Schumann's Abegg Viariations, Elgar's Griffinesque, and Beethoven's Variations. St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafaiger Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm, free.

Well travelled virtuosos



Tonight the Takacs Quartet continue Part 2 of the Barbican Centre's Celebrity Recitals series with Mozart's Quartet K 464, Brahm's Quartet Op 67 and Bartok's short, highly concentrated Quartet No 3. Like Bartok, the members of the Takács Quartet are Hungarian, and all studied at the Frans Liszt Academy in Budapest. They formed their easemble in 1975, and have won first prizes at international competitions in places as far apart as Evian and Portsmouth, and appear regularly throughout Europe and the USA. They have held a residency at the University of Colorado since 1986. In September 1988 a quartet of Amati instruments was made available to

the Takács team by the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington DC, these having originally been constructed for the French Royal family, perhaps for Louis XIV. The following month, October 1988, the Takics Quartet began a three-year residency at the Barbican Centre during which besides giving concerts in the Barbican Hall, they teach and conduct master classes next door at the Guildhall School of Music. Takács interpretations have been praised for their sensitivity to line and texture, for their wide range of tone, and always their well defined sense of musical se. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45pm, £7.50. Max Harrison

* NUOVO STUPOR: Conducted as ever by Peter Lea-Cox, the Lescosald Ensemble gives us Caccini's O Che Nuovo Stupor, Telemann's Lauter Worms, Lauter Freude, with sonatas by Pspusch, Vivaldi. Street, London EC2 (01-373 5566), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

EVENING

★ MIYUKI MORIMOTO: The Japanese coloratura soprano sings Turina, Mithaud, Webern, Richard Strauss, Schubert and Schumann with Graham Johnson at the piano. Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £4-£7. (D)

★ DMFTR! ALEXEEV: This celebrated pianist offers Mozart's Sonata K 310, Schumann's Camaval, Chopin's Sonata Op 58 and some mazurkas Royal Batha, Harrogate (0423 564439), 8pm, £4-£10.

* COX, CLAYTON: Flute and pieno combine as Michael Cox and Nigel Clayton let us hear sonatas by Protofiev and Bach, sonatinas by Militaud and Dutilleux, Saint-Saëns's Romance, Ferguson's Sketches, items by Roussel and Taffanel

and Taffanel. Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 8pm, 23-25. (0)

OPERA

* BEATRICE AND BENEDICT: Ethna

musical new Berlioz production, now conducted by Lionel Friend.
Collecum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £3-23, 7m.

★ LUCIA DI LAMMERIMOOR: Opera 80s young cast are over-stretched in a nevertheless dramatically powerful production, conducted by ivor Bolton and now on tour in the West Country. Queens Theatre, Bernstaple (0271 43239), 7.30-10.15pm, 25-28. (D)

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Peter Knapp directing himself as Figaro.
Pomegranite Thestre, Chesterfield Pomegranite Theatre, Chesterfield (0246 234633), 7.30-10.30pm, £3.50 and £4.50.

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★ 1990 BRITISH JAZZ EXTRAVAGANZA: Opening date of a 31-date tour by the bands of Kenny Ball, Acker Bills and Kenny Baker, with quest artists including George Chisholm.
Alexandra Theatre, Station Street,
Birmingham (021 643 1231), 7.30pm, 25-

re-working the music of The Beatles. Electric Cinema, Portobello Road, London W11 (01-792 2020), 8pm, 28.50. A DANISH RADIO BIG BAND: In residence for a week with Thad Jones arrangements and occasional nods to the players' early mentor, Stan Kenton. Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £10

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→ DAVE EDMUNDS: Producer and bespoke assistant to the stars making a rare solo appearance acompanied by a specially convened 13-piece band including Graham Parker, Terry Williams

(of Dire Straits), Dion and the La Bamba Horns.

Town & Country, 8-17 Highgate Road, London NWS (01-284 0303), 7pm, 29.50.

☆ THE BLUE AEROPLANES: Bristol

where so it the independent scene, whose superb major label début Swagger, with its invigorating mass of chiming guitars, belies a variable and rather self-conscious stage show. Duchess of York, 71 Vicar Lane, Leeds (0532 453929), 7.30pm, \$2.50-53. (D)

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Cadogan Contemporary, 108 Draycott Avenue, London SW3 (01-581 5451). Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm, tree, until Mar 17.

CHRISTOPHER LAMBERT: Figurative

drawings and paintings completed since this artist left the Royal College 3 years

ago. Discreetly Bizzara Gallery, 166 New Cavendish Street, London W1 (01-631 3140). Mon-Fri 11am-6pm, free, until

DONALD WILKINSON: Atmospheric

landscape watercolours painted in sublime areas such as the Hebrides and the Lake District.

Gallery North, 9 Main Street, Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria (05242 7:1142). Mon-Sat 9.30am-5pm, free, until Mar 24.

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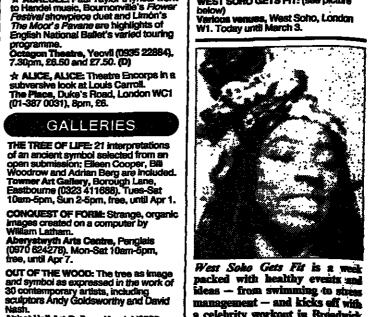
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Street tube, 7.30, £3 (01-624 9981). OTHER EVENTS

THE PARK LANE ARMS FAIR: Forty exhibitors selling artique arms and armour, pistols, gurs and swords, specialist books and other related item. The Park Lane Hotel, Piccadily, London, W1. Today 2pm-8pm, tomorrow 10em-3pm. Admission 28 Includes catalogue.

JOHN LOGIE BAIRD: Exhibition about one of the Century's most influential scientific pioneers which reassesses inventions and celebrates his remarkable achievements. The exhibition was initiated by Stratichyd University, where Baird was a student Collins Gellery, Glasgow. Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 12-4pm. Until Mar 24. WEST SOHO GETS FIT: (see picture

Various venues, West Scho, London W1. Today until March 3.



West Soko Gets Fit is a week packed with healthy events and ideas — from swim management - and kicks off with a celebrity workout in Broadwick Street at 1pm today, in aid of the British Heart Foundation. At Reby's Dance Club, Carnaby Street tonight at 7pm, Wunni (above), the dancer/choreographer with Soul II Soul, will rap her exercise instructions to the latest House and Hip House sounds - sou that would surely have pozzled the 🥬 horseman who once uttered the old hunting cry Soho! All events are free. For further information ring (01-734 1419) or (0836 258 109),

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THREE TIMES ONE: Beverley Sell, Judy Clayton, and Carolyn Genders display their knitwear, ceramics and jewellery. Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-838 4141). Ends tomorrow.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair: Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries David Lee; Walks Kari Lloyd; Other Events: Judy Froshi Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

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TELEVISION & RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Gillian Maxey

In physical and mental exile

TELEVISION CHOICE

Peter Waymark

 Officially it is a psychiatric institution but for Bob Groves, who runs a charity for the mentally ill in Britain, it is more like a concentration camp. The bodies are not as emaciated as in those appalling newsreels from Auschwitz or Belsen but many of the faces have the same haunted look and there is a similar lack of concern for human dignity. The site of this "vision of hell" (another phrase from Groves) is the Greek island of Leros, where 1,100 men, women and children spend their life in an asylum in exile. Some are mentally ill and some exile. Some are mentally ill and some physically handicapped. Others have nothing wrong with them but are victims of family tragedies. Jane Gabriel's documentary Island of Outcasts (Channel 4, 9.00pm) is a report from the front line which spares us little. In one block



An inmate of the mental asylum on the Greek island of Leros (Ch4, 9.00pm)

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the men go to bed in the clothes they stand up in. They have no possessions and no privacy and the lights stay on all night. In another block 80 men do not even have the dignity of clothing. Naked, they are herded out into a yard to be washed. The inmates of Leros are victims not so much of their own disabilities but of Greek society, the Greek psychiatric establishment and : international bureaucracy. Six years ago a joint Greek and European Community commission investigated conditions on Leros and recommended that the asylum should be closed. Some £2 million was allocated from the community's social fund. But nothing much has happened and little of the money has been spent. Meanwhile, a modest reform programme instituted with encouraging results in the "pavilion of the naked" was abandoned after five months for lack of

● World in Action (TTV, 8.30pm) enters the great British beef controversy and suggests that despite the best efforts of the authorities here to play things down the West Germans may have some cause for concern. One school, on the advice of a concerned doctor, has withdrawn beefburgers and beef sausages from the children's meals. Another doctor reckons there is little risk from lean beef or milk but says he avoids sausages and meat pies which contain large quantities of offal. The danger with this sort of programme, in which the views of experts are in clear conflict, is that viewers can end up more confused than before. In the end we can only weigh the arguments and make up our own minds.

SBC 1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with
Nicholas Witchell and Kirsty Wark,
Includes regular news headlines,
business reports, sports details,
regional news, weather and travel
information and a review of the
morning newspapers by Paul
Callan 8.65 Regional news and
weather

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9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Viewers comment on the weekend's television

8.20 Kitroy. Robert Kitroy-Silk chains a studio discussion on a topical subject 10.00 News and weather followed by The New Fred and Barney Show 10.25 Children's BBC, presented by Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays 10.50 Roobert narrated by Richard Baiers (r) 10.55 Five to Eleven. Edward Patherbridge with a reading 11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Includes Julian Petitler talking about his new television series, Missionaries 12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live presented by Sue

Daytime Live presented by Su Cook and Andy Craig 12.58 Regional news and weather 1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton, Weather
1.30 Neighbours, Gall comes up

against the streetwise Skinner
(Ceefax) 1.50 Going for Gold.
Quiz hosted by Henry Kelly
2.15 The Skr Million Dollar Man: Day of
the Robot. A killer robot is
programmed to steal a missile
ouldance system programmed to steer a missie quidance system Head of the Clara: Don't Play with Matches. Dennis is persuaded to use his computer as a dating

agency
3.30 Bazzar includes restaurateur Stephen Saunders with a cheese Stephen Saunders with a cheese and egg dish for children Two by Two. Widdite series presented by Jenny Powell (1) 4.05 Stoppit and Tidyup narrated by Terry Wogan (1) 4.10 The Further Adventures of SuperTed 4.25 Jacksnory. Jonathon Morris and Sophie Aldred with the story of The Last Dragon, by E. Nesbit (1) 4.35 BraveStart. Animated science liction series

5.05 Blue Pater. On the eve of Shrove Tuesday, Yvente Fielding gets the frying pan out for some pancake files. (Ceefax) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Andrew

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Andrew Harvey and Moira Stuart. Weather 6.30 Newsroom South East 7-00 Wogan. Terry is joined by Vietnam Warveteran Ron Kovic, on whose story the film Born on the Fourth of July, starring Tom Cruise, is been

7.35 Major Dad. Polly finds that there's

7.35 Major Dad. Polity finds that there's more to marrying into the Corps than meets the eye when she participates in just one of their all-day family events

8.00 Elankety Blank. Les Dawson is joined by Lynsey de Paul, Karen Kay, Patrick MacNee, Barry McGuigan, Mick Miller and Linda Thorson.

(Ceefax)

8.30 Survivors: Seaguil Story. Wildlife documentary which takes a bird's eye view of the edges of Britain, Europe and North America to see how nature is adapting to the charding environments of their changing environments of their coastlines. (Ceefax)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather 9.30 Panorame examines the background to the current events in the Soviet Union including its relationship with the West 10.10 Miami Vice: Deliver Us from Evil. Crockett's pop-star wife Califin returns to Miami with some great news, but is distressed by his 24-hour occupation with a triplemurder case and a figure from the past. Starting Don. Johnson. past. Starring Don Johnson,
Philip Michael Thomas and Sheena
Easton.

10.55 Threiswood Country. Peter

Tinniswood, creator of the Brandon Family, in the 1970s comedy series I Didn't Know You Cared, visits his home town of Liverpool with two of his fictional characters, Uncle Mort and his nephew Carter Brandon. With Robin Balley and Peter Skellem

Peter Skellern

11.25 Advice Shop reports on the rights of the 50,000 inmates of Britain's overcrowded orisons (r)

11.55 Cricket. Highlights of the third day's play in the First Test between West Indies and England in Kingston. Jemeica Kingston, Jamaica 12.25am Weather

TTV/LONDON

6.00 TV-sm begins with News and Good Morning Britain introduced by Geoff Clark and, from 7.00, by Mike Morris and Lorraine Kelly, With news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. After Nine includes a discussion on child mindets. discussion on child minders

8.25 The Pyramid Game. Quiz game
show hosted by Steve Jones 9.55

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Thames News and weather
16.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . John
Stapleton chairs a discussion on a
topical subject
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series
presented by Judy Finnigan and
Richard Madeley. Today's edition
includes itams on astrology, fashion,
gardening, teaching children to
swim, and Jan Leeming's guide to
popular crafts. With national and
international news at 10.65 and
regional news at 11.65 followed

international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather 12.10 Playbox, Learning fun for the under-fives with Pat Coombs, Keith Chegwin and Marcus Clarke 12.30 Home and Away. Fisher admits to Pippa that he is Bobby's father 1.00 News at One and weather 1.20 Thames News and weather 1.20 Thames News and weather fitting the Patri Assurance British One. Further coverage of the

British Open. Further coverage of the British Open Snooker Tournament from the Assembly Tournament from the Assembly Rooms, Derby. The fourth round matches are described by John Pulman, Rex Williams, Mark Wildman and Jim Meadowcroft 3.25 Thames News and weather 3.30 The Young Doctors. Finally overcome by the evidence against him, David McAllister attempts a troilish escape.

foolish escape 4.00 Neille the Elephant with the voices of Tony Robinson and Luiu

4-05 The Raggy Dolls (r) 4-15
The Real Ghostbusters (r)
4-40 Children's Ward. A new patient on
the ward needs an interpreter to tell
the doctors what is wrong with

the doctors what is wrong with him. (Oracle)
5.10 Who's the Boss? American comedy series starring Tony Dariza and Judith Light
5.40 News and weather
6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.25 Thames News and weather
7.00 Wish You Were Here . . ? Judith Chamers reports from the Bahamas, where she visits two of the lesser-known islands, Exuma and Green Turtle Cay and John Carter is in

Turtle Cay and John Carter is in the Haute Savoie region of France, discovering the scenic beauty of the area. There is also a took at the

the area. There is also a took at the city of York and its attractions from the point of view of Anne Davies, who is confined to a wheelchair. (Oracle)

7.30 Coronation Street. Tina Fowler finally meets the other woman in Eddie Ramsden's life. (Oracle)

8.00 Strike it Lucky. Game show introduced by Michael Barrymore

8.30 World in Action (see Choice)

9.00 Film: Short Walk to Daylight (1972) starring James Brolin, Don Mitchell and James McEachin. A made-for-television drama about seven passengers and the driver of a New York subway train who are trapped when an earthquake hits the city. With little prospect of help reaching them, they decide to reaching them, they decide to make their own way out. Directed by Barry Shear. Continues after the

news 10.00 News at Ten and weather 10.30 Thames News and weather 10.35 Film: Short Walk to Daylight

continued

11.05 Snooker: Pearl Assurance British
Open. The closing games of the
fourth round followed by the draw
for the fifth round. Followed by News

neadines
12.30mm The Twitight Zone: The
Trunk. A hotel manager, down on his
luck, finds a trunk that gives him
anything he wants except for the one
thing he wants above all else 1.00 Sportsworld Extra. Simon Reed spotswores highlights of the introduces highlights of the Meadowlands invitational indoor athletic meeting from the U.S. Plus a round-up of the weekend football

round-up of the weekend football action from home and abroad

2.00 ITN News headlines followed by Film: Sertana (1968) starring Klaus Kinski, Sidney Chaplin and William Berger. When a gang of villains successfully raids a large bank, they lay the blame on Sartana, a man of mystery whose speed with a gun has made him a legend.

Directed by Frank Kramer 4.00 ITN News headlines followed by 60 Minutes. Interviews and investigations from the United 5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

BBC 2

7.10 Open University: Maths — Caring for Data. Ends at 7.35 8.00 News 8.15 Westminster 8.36 Ceetax

9.26 Daytime on Two Spanish for beginners 9.40 Stresses in the workplace 10.05 For the very young 10.18 Music birdsong 10.40 Religious beliefs and practices 11.00 The Odyssey 11.20 Solving Tokyo's housing problems 11.40 Tunes based on the D major chord 12.00 Science for the young 12.15 Roosevelt and the New Deal 12.15 Roosevelt and the New Deal 12.35 The Soviet Union's disappearing Aral Sea 1.00 The science of cooking 1.20 Posiman Pat 1.40 Dairy farming 2.00 News and weather followed by a learning to read series 2.15 Songs of Praise (r) (Ceetax) 2.50 Behind the Screen. James Fox talks about his new thriller Never Come Back 9.25 Daytime on Two: Spanish for

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3.00 News and weather followed by International Bowls. The Embassy World Indoor Championships. Including News, regional news and weather at 3.59

5.00 Film: Intrigue (1947, b/w) starring George Raft and June Havoc. An ex-bomber pilot, disflusioned by his dismissal from the arforce, turns to black markements in cost-wer.

black marketsering in post-war Shanghai. Directed by Edward L. Martin

C.30 DEF II begins with Snub TV. 7.00 The A to Z of Bellet. Carl McCoy The A to Z of Seet. Cart McCoy talks about Wicca and Pagarism Young Musician of the Year 1990: The Plano Masterclass. Stepher Hough, winner of the Plano section of the first Young Musician contest in 1978, conducts a masterclass at the Royal Northern

College of Music 8.10 On the Line Special reports on

8.10 On the Line Special reports on Mike Gatting's controversial cricket tour to South Africa
9.00 Film: Middle Age Crazy (1979) starring Bruce Dern and Ann-Margret. Canadian comedy about a 40-year-old man who trades his tamity, home and career for a Porsche, a pair of jeans and a young cheerlaader. Directed by John Trent. (Cestax)

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10.30 Newanight
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media
magazine 11.55 Weather
12.00 Open University: Arts Foundation
Course: An Historian at Work
12.25am international Bowls.
Highlights of the first pairs quarterfinal in the Embassy World
Indoor Bowls Championship, from
Preston Guild Hall. Ends at 1.30

CHANNEL 4

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6.00 The Channel Four Daily

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9.25 Schools
12.00 Streenvise. Consumer series
presented by Debbie Greenwood and
Paddy Haycocks
12.30 Business Deity. Financial and
business news service
1.00 Seasme Street. Pre-school
learning series
2.00 The Open Learning Business (r).
(Cracle)
2.30 Film: The Adventures of Tartu
(1943, b/w) starring Robert Donat
and Valene Hobson. An
undercover agent parachuses into

undercover agent perachutes into occupied Czecnoslovakia with the task of blowing up a poison gas factory Directed by Harold S. Buduet

4.30 Countdown Another round of the words and numbers game 5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's

asks why air travel can be such an ordeal for disabled passengers 6.30 Happy Days. American high

school comedy
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow
and Zemab Badawi
7.50 Comment followed by Weather
8.00 Brookside. Sinbad installs a
satellita dish for the Corknills.

Pecidiam barber's shop (Oracle) 9.00 Cutting Edge: Island of Outcasts (see Choice) 10.00 St Elsewhere. The last episode of

the final series of this hospital black comedy. A private plane crashes into the side of the hospital and thus keeps the medics from

wondering too much about their future 11.00 Cinemama. Four women

women's co-operative set up to improve conditions and to secure the livelihood of the women in the fish

yuth English subtries Jean-Luc Godard and Anne-Marie Mieville present a 12-part exploration of 1980s France (r) 1.10 Ghosts in the Machine. Three

1.40 L'Anatomiste. French cartoon. Ends et 1.50

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4.25 Bird's Eye View. Student
animation from the US, followed by

music and chat show introduce Gay Byrne 5.00 Same Difference. Libby Cross

(Oracle) 8.30 Desmond's. Comedy series set in

filmmakers from the Third World, talk about their films, art and politics sem Tesito. Alook at a Senegal

industry in Senegal

12.40 France Tour Octour, in French

Puberty Stories and Les Falaises d'Esnandes (f)

VARIATIONS

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RTE 1 Starts: 12,30pm Arts Express 1,80 Naws
1,30 Une at Three 4,00 Emmercate Farm 4,30 Upstain
Downstain 8,30 A Country Practice 6,00 The Angelus
8,01 Sb-One 7,00 Know Your Sport 7,30 The Young
Riders 8,30 Fair City 9,00 News 9,30 Cagney and
Lacey 10,25 Questions and Answers 11,15 Dear John
11,40 Cicse

NETWORK 2 Starter 12.30pm Bosco 3.80 Devid, The Growns 3.30 Elephant Boy 4.00 Lessis 4.30 Happy Stribday 4.45 Mow Things Work 5.25 ALP 6.00 30-10bm 6.30 House and Ausey 7 00 Nanoth 7 03 Curval 7 30 Curvantion Street 8 00 Football 9.00 Recession 3.30 Singlin' and Descrite' 10.35 News 10.66 Film; Murder Sees The Light 12.46 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

5.00am International Business Report
5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 DJ
Kat 8.30 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The
New Price is Right 10.30 The Young
Doctors 11.00 Sky By Day 12.00
Another World 1.00pan As The World Turns
2.90 Loving 2.30 A Problem Shared
2.00 Cricket: West Indies v England: third
day of the First Test 10.00 Jameson
11.00 Sky News 11.30 The Invisible Man

News on the hour.
5.00mm International Business Report
5.30 European Business Channel 6.00
European Business Report 10.30 Those European Business Report 10.30 Those Were The Days 11.30 international Business Report 1.30pm NBC Today 2.30 Partiament Live 3.15 Partiament Live 4.30 NBC Today 5.00 Live At Five 6.30 Beyond 2000 7.30 The Reporters 6.30 Frank Bough 9.30 Newstine 10.30 The Reporters 11.30 NBC Nightly News 12.30am Frank Bough 1.30 Newstine 2.30 The Reporters 3.30 Frank Bough 4.30 Newstine 4.30 Newstine 2.30 The Reporters 3.30 Frank Bough 4.30 Newstine 4.30 Newstine

SKY MOVIES

 All films will be scrambled
From 8.00am The Shopping Channel
2.00pm Light of Day (1987): Michael
J. Fox as a factory worker by day who plays rock 'n' roll by right 4.00 Yabba Dabba Doc Celebration 4.00 Yabba Dabba Doo Celebration:
Animated edventure with the Flimtstones
6.00 Radio Days (1987); Woody Atlen
directs and narrates this take set in the
1940s, the period in which radio, rather 1940s. the period in which radio, rather than television, dominated family life
8.00 Jane and the Lost City (1987):
Based on the wartime Daily Mirror cartoon strip character, Jane is dispatched to Africa in search of diamonds to help save the Empire
10.00 Robocop (1987): Peter Weiler as a murdered con who is externationally

nurdered cop, who is cybernetically augmented and let loose on the gangs of Detroit City

11.45 Retribution (1987): A murdered

gangster transfers his spirit into the body of a man who has just committed suicide to seek vengeance from his killers

1.45 am The Fourth Protocol (1986):
Michael Caine as a British spy out to stop
Pierce Brosnan's Russian agent
detonating a nuclear device at an American airbase in Britain 3.40 At the Pictures: Cinema rele

4.00 Outrageous Fortune (1987): Bette Midler and Shelley Long as sworm enamic who plot revenge against the man they have both been seeing. Ends at 5.35am

EUROSPORT

5.00am As Sky One 8.30 Menu 9.00 World Cup Nordic Skling 10.00 Footbell 12.00 Horse Show 1.00pm Golf: Australian Masters 4.00 Horses 5.00 NHL Ice Hockey: Edmonton Ollers v Calgary Flames 7.00 Eurosport — What A Week! 8.00 International Motor Sport 9.00 Boxing: Lennox Lewis (UK) v Proud Kilmanjaro (Zimbabwe) 10.00 NHL Ice Hockey 12.00 Golf: Australian Masters

6.00am Kristiane Backer 10.30 At the

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SCREENSPORT

7.00em Pro Bowlers 8.15 Spanish 7.00em PTO Bowlers 8.15 Openion Soccer 10.00 (ce Hockey 12.00 US PGA Golt 2.00pm Rugby Lasgue 3.20 US College Basketball 5.00 Powersports 6.00 US Baskerball 7.30 Update: Spanish Soccer 9.15 US Professional Boxing 10.45 Spain Spain Sport 11.00 Motor Racing

LIFESTYLE

10.00mm Fitness Minute 10.01 Search
For Tomorrow 10.30 Fashon File 10.35
Wok With Yan 11.00 Cottee Break
11.10 Edge Of Night 11.35 Great American
Gameshows 12.50pm What's Cooking
12.55 Sally Jessy Raphael 1.50 Skyways
2.40 Search For Tomorrow 3.05 Tea
Break 3.10 Target: The Corrupters 4.05
Travelview 4.35 it's Your Lifestyle 4.45
American Gameshows 10.00am Fitness Minute 10.01 Search

■ Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine. TV Guide.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MHV News on the half-hour from 5.30am until 4.30pm, then at 7.30, 8.30 and 10.00pm 8.00am Jaild Brambles 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45
Gary Davies 3.00 Stave Wright in the Afternon 5.30 News '90
5.30 Mark Goodier 7.30 The Mike Read Collection 6.30 John Peel 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-

RADIO 2

News on the hour Headlines 5.30mm, 6.30, Headines 3.30erm, 6.30,
7.30, 8.30
4.00erm Alex Lester 5.30
Chris Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson
9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy
Yosing 1.06gem Don Black 2.00
Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Adrian
Love 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Dence
Band Days 7.30 Big Band Era
8.00 The National Big Band
Competition All Wimers
Concert (see Choice) 9.05 The
Best of Jazz on Record 10.00
The Clever Dick-Athion 10.30
Screenplay 11.00 Round
Midnight 1.00erm Nightride 3.004.00 A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

S.00em German Feature 5.35 News in German; Headlines in English and French 5.47 Sports News 5.50 Book Choice 5.55 Weether and Transi News 5.00 News 2.00 Education 5.30 Londres Matin 7.00 News 7.00 Per Hours: News Summaries and Finencial News 7.30 Interpot Behind the Myth 8.00 News 2.00 Windres of Felth 8.15 The Library North 8.30 Anyding Goes 8.00 News 8.05 Review of the British Press 9.15 Good Books 9.30 Financial News; Sports Roundup 9.45 Andy Kenthaw's World of Music 18.07 Health Phone-In 10.30 The Virtage Chart Show 11.00 News 11.10 The Library North 11.00 News 11.00 News 11.10 News

6.55am Weather and News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Mendelssohn (Overture, A

saki, pieno) 9.35 Morning Sequence: G.W. Marks, attrib Brahms

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No 7 in A) 1.00pm News 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Live from St John's, Smith Square, London, Yuri Bashmet, viola, Mikhali

Midsummer Night's Dream LSO under Abbado); Bizet (Carmen, Suite No 1: NBC SO under Toscanini)

SO under Toscanini)
7.30 News
7.35 News
Rericz (Overture, Le
Corsaire: Boston SO under
Munch); Debussy
(Critidren's Corner Suite:
Pescal Rogé, plano);
Tchairovsky (Dance of the
Swans and final scene,
Swan Lake, Act 2: LSO
under André Previni); SaintSaäns (The Swan: Paul
Torteller, cello, Shuku
Iwasaki, pigno)

Downes performs Schoenberg (Six songs, Op 8); Beethoven (Symphony

RADIO 3

2.05 Music Weeldy (r)
3.00-10-30pan Test Match
Special (NEW only): West
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8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
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Gothenburg SO under
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Walifisch, cello, Anthony
Goldstone, piano); Mozart
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in A "Trout"; D 687: Zoltan
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the Talkas Quartet; Ferenc
Csontos, double-bass); Bax
(Tintaget: Lister Orchestra
under Thomson); Vaughan
Williams (Sea Songs:
Clevetand Symphonic Winds
under Frederick Fennell);
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Lavson, plano); Bax (In a
Vodka Shop: LPO under
Bryden Thomson); Tavarner
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11.00 Composers of the Week:
Scandinavian Season. Grieg Muntian, piano, perform Schubert (Sonata in A minor, D 821 "Arpeggione"); Shostakovich (Sonata, Op 12.00 News 12.05am Close

day's play
3.00 Uister Orchestra (Fall only):
Under Jacek Kaspszyk, with
Vanya Milanova, volin,
performs Beethoven

Overture, Leonore No 1); Walton (Violin Concerto); Anvo Pärt (Fratres); Liszt (Symphonic poem, Héroide tunèbre; Mephisto Waltz No 4.30 Hartley Trio (FM only):
Bridge (Trio No 2): Spohr
(Trio in A mhor) (r)
8.30 Mainly for Pleasure (FM only): With Roger Nichols
7.00 News (FM only): Ronald Harman in conversation

Hayman in conversation with the poet Kenneth McLeish, whose new translation of Peer Gymt has just opened at the National Theatre
7,30 Swedish RSO (FM only):
Scandinevian Season, Ess
Palda Salonen conducts
Brahms (Variations on a Theme by Haydn;
Schumann (Cello Concerto
in A minor: with Toriel
Thedeen, cello); Nielsen
(Symphony No 3 "Sinfonia
espansiva": with Pla-Marie Nilsson, soprano, Olie Persson, baritone) Sweden: The Complete

Society (FMI only): Scandinavian Season, From discussions with politiciens academics, writers and others, Gunnar Pettersson tests the strength of Swedish society 9.45 Polish Music at Southermpton (new series (FM only until 10.30): Music and interviews made during the 1989 during the 1988
Southampton international
New Music Week are
presented by John Casken,
in the first of three
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and Stachowski discuss
their music, and reactions to
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Professors Peter Event,
Adrian Thomes, and some
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Lutoslawski (Sikies, Dance Preludes); Gwyn Pritchard (Macrigal); Lutoslawski (Epitaph for oboe and

LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.55em Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather

three programmes presented by explorer Christina Dodwell 8-57

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an item on a new rock 'n'
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3.00 News; The Unforunate
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RADIO 4

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Gambaccini meets author Armistead Maupin and reviews his book Sure of You, a review of Single Again, Dillie Kaane's one-woman show at the Kings Head Theatre, Islington; Oliver Stone's least film on Vietman, Born on the 4th of the is reviewed by Don

July, is reviewed by Don Allen; and a feature on Libo Pesek, guest conductor with the Liverpool Philiharmonic

Orchestra, which is celebrating its 150th

5.00 PM with Valerie Singleton and Hugh Syltes. Includes a report from Fergal Keene in Northern tretand on The Times/PM Environment Award Centries close March 9) s.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report News Briefing: Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day with Dr
John Morgans 6.29 Today,
with Sue MacGregor and
Peter Hobday, incl 6.30,
7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30
News 6.55, 7.36 Weather
8.35 The Week on 4
8.42 Archive Adventure: The
Truth Within. The last of
three programmes Report
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue:
Special libel adition of the
humorous panel game. With
Humphrey Lyttelton in the
chair (s) (r)
7.00 News

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 9.00 Wearrer 9.05 Start the Weelc Melvyn Bragg, with guests Professor Peter Conrad, Michael Heath, writer David 7.20 The Food Programme presented by Derek Cooper presented by Derek Cooper (f)
7.46 The Monday Play: The Isidore Projection, by Bruce Stewart. The Spanish Inquisition was at its most powerful in 1492 . . . With Michael N. Harbour as Joaquin, Caroline Gruber as Rebecca and Bill Wallis as the Master Inquisitor (s)
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Paul Gambaccini meets author

Johnson (s)
10.30 News; Money Box (r)
10.30 News; Money Box (r)
10.30 Morning Story: The
Successor, by Paul Bowles.
Read by Philip Voss (s)
15.45 Daily Service
11.00 News; Down your Way:
Poet Roger McGough
explores Portobello Road,
where he has tived tor
sever years (r) saven years (r)

11.40 Poetry Pleasel Presented
by Simon Rae, with guest
Carol Ann Duffy

12.00 News; You and Yours with
John Howard

12.25pan Round Britain Quiz:
Chaked by Louis Alien and

Fursey: Dramatization of Menyn Walf's novel. Saten (Timothy Bateson) invades a medieval monastery in search of Fursey's soul. With John Hewitt as Fursey and Fenella Fletding as Gertle (s) (r) (see Choice)

4.30 Kaleidoscope: A Career on the Stage — You Must Be Inkinn (s) (r) Jolang (s) (r)

11.00 m. 12.00 For Schools 1.55 m. Listening Corner (s) 2.06-3.00 For Schools 5.50-8.69 PM (cont) 11.30-12.10am Open University: 11.30 Open Forum 11.50 The Enlightenment: Classical Orchestra 12.30am FRECUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m:1089kHz/275m:VHF-88-90.2.
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(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

 It is difficult, probably impossible, to imagine that when the BBC's Northern Ireland drama department sat down to cast the role of the Devil's right-hand woman in The Unfortunate Fursey (Radio 4, 3.00pm), Fenella Fielding's name did not flash



Favours: Fenella Fielding as the she-devil (Radio 4, 3.00pm) burning sulphur. Is there any other woman's voice on radio

celebrating its 150th anniversary (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.39 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Sick Heart River, by John Buchan, adapted in 10 parts by Trevor Royle and read by Paul Young (6) (s)
11.00 The Burkiss Way: The Last Burkiss Way: Cornecty, with Jo Kendall, Nigel Reas, Chris Emmert and Fred Harms (3 of 6) (s) (r)
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By Philip Webster Chief Political

Dr David Owen accepted yesterday that he could leave politics at the next general election and said that eventually he might take a career in international business. In a frank interview with

The Times, the SDP leader said: "I think for the first time I do not necessarily see myself in the House of Commons at the age of 65."

He made plain, however, that he was biding his time for the next 18 months, pinning his hopes on an electoral deal with the Labour Party. He would not make decisions about his political future until nearer the election.

Dr Owen said that Labour's attitude to such an arrangement would be a test of whether it had truly undergone a conversion under Mr Neil Kinnock's leadership.

In spite of Labour's lead in the polls, Dr Owen felt that the Conservatives were likely to "scrape home" at the next election but he predicted that a narrow victory in 1991 or 1992 would be followed by a much larger one after Mrs Thatcher had stood down.

Dr Owen said that he had just about "given up" on Mr Paddy Ashdown's Liberal Democrats who he said were painting themselves into a corner where they were likely to be fighting the SDP in every seat at the next election.

He made plain he would like an understanding with Labour. "I know people say they won't. But I believe that when they look over the abyss in 18 months and see how difficult it is to cross that final hurdle they will need to make a calculation over whether to broaden their appeal."

Dr Owen said Labour was still a long way from being a government that people would vote for out of conviction. People had to be convinced that this one time unilateralist, anti-EEC, pro-nationalization party had nationalization party really changed.

Dr Owen said the other reason to stay in politics was to achieve proportional representation. He said if Labour embraced PR it it would extend their appeal and "put them in touching dis-tance of outright victory".

He said that in a deal with Labour, the SDP would not have to back every item of a Labour government's policy but would be obliged to sup-

He put forward the case for an election deal under which the opposition parties would in seats in Devon, Cornwall and Somerset, opening up the possibility of taking 15 seats off the Conservatives.

Dr Owen Prices rising as Berlin wall-peckers ply their trade



Against the background of the Brandenburg Gate in the pre-war heart of Berlin the trading remains frantic and the prices rise as the commodity crumbles daily. "Ten marks with graffiti, 7 without" is the call of a new Berlin breed, the wall-peckers, who huddle in the shelter of the wall to hawk chunks of it to souvenir-hungry tourists.

Since the cranes and lorries moved last week to dismantle the first stretch of wall be-Reichstag and Checkpoint Charlie, they have donbled in number, and faster at the disappearing_concrete horder. Some three hundred. many travelling from the East German provinces to eara a fast Mark or simply particically at the wall in a race with the East German

Children guard the makeshift tables while their fathers chip away

a growth industry,

as Anne McElvoy

discovers

gh to pick up a hammer but been pressed into service as Others sell mulled wine and stall-holders while their fathers bratwarst to the workers although a stall offering the loan of hammers

former leader Herr Erich Honecker said would stand for a thousand

wall-peckers as bad for trade. Chunks of the wall are now made The Berlin Wall is into earrings, paper-weights and set in glass as mementoes. The East German foreign trading company Limex has stepped in to put the sale on a more official footing, selling carefully extracted chunks to Japanese and American buyers \$100,000, with the proceeds

going to the blighted East German health service. In New York, art dealers are repricing the slabs at double the

Executive Editor

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ing on the quality of the graffiti. The official demolition work is considered too day. Many East through the gap-ing holes inexpertly and half-

dred miles will take up to a year to

disappear and will be replaced by a simple wire fence. "Not that we're hurrying to put that up," said one worker. "We'll just have to take it



With the Brandenburg Gate in the background, the "wall-peckers" display their ware. Masonry with better graffiti commands a higher price — but almost any of the wall will sell to history-hungry Americans and Japanese

Forbes, the fun-loving

Continued from page 1 will be ahead, the zestfully awake ones, those alive to be alive," he wrote. "Enjoy."

The bespectacled publisher. who was divorced in 1985 after a 39-year marriage, was best known in recent years for his Harley-Davidson motorcycle rides with his friend, Elizabeth Taylor.

He was also spotted dressed in his biking leathers in New

across the US. An attempt on the Atlantic two years later nearly killed him.

Mr Forbes died after a typically social trip to his House on the Thames, to play bridge in a team representing corporate America against British peers and MPs. He flew back to his New Jersey estate on Saturday and was Ballooning became his declared dead after a servant greater passion in later years. could not wake him.

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the inguage jungle. Which of the ossible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

CABOCEER

AGAILOCH

b. A sea loch c. The eagle-wood tree

CLAMPERS

a. Meter maids b. Cornish fog

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Answers on page 22

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Tories' worries

billionaire, dies at 70 | Serious moment, says Baker | Ernie paymaster claim

50 per cent in October and November of 1980 and in the past year there has been a swing of 10 per cent against the Tories.

weekend make a last-ditch appeal for restraint from local authorities when she attends the Tory local government conference in London. But in a defiant interview in The Sunday Times yesterday she accused councils of trying to

raise as much as they could in panic over the charge. It the first year so that they could

There would be chargecapping because it was Par- councils to moderate their poll liament's "bounden duty" to excesses, she said. The difficulties of switching over to the poll tax "lie at the feet of the local authorities not having due and proper regard for the interests of their residents".

accused the Government of

accused Mr Baker of "armtwisting, bullying and intimidation" tactics to force Tory

Mr Baker denied sugge tions that he had telephoned leaders of key Tory councils asking them to cut their budgets in line with government target figures. He described as "absolute rub-The Labour Party yesterday bish" claims that the Government was panicking.

Cabinet Office studies

Continued from page 1 constituent claimed he had been paid a substantial sum for working for MI5 and in a celebrated court case produced a letter from an several years ago and there official at Ernie's office, dated 1981, informing him that he prize. The bond number was checked and found to be genuine.

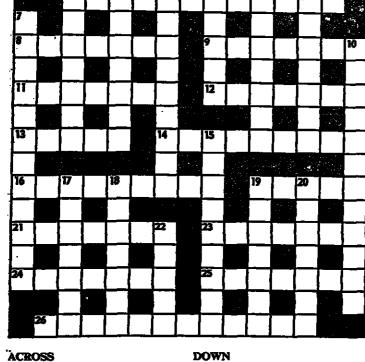
Last week the letter was handed over to Cabinet Office officials who agreed to take the matter further.

One official was said to

have suggested that the letter could be a forgery. The constituent had been involved had never been any previous suggestion that he had worked

Ernie - Electronic Random Number Indicator Equipment is the nearest thing in Britain to a national lottery. Since the first draw in June 1957 more than 30 million cheques, worth about £2 billion, have been sent out.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,227



- 8 Smoke in church and cause an-The director is a good man always with royalty (7).
 Assemble for prayer (7).
- 12 Using a comb to be deliberately
- 13 The stunning beauty is a bit of a sloven usually (5). 14 Lays ready all for changing into rather too soon (5,4). 16 Practised play (9).
- 19 Provide for a spiteful woman with some hesitation (5). 21 Steal by arrangement, which is repulsive (7).
- 23 Defence force section (7). 24 A Moslem's face-saving con-
- trivance (7). 25 Brisk with everybody say backing gold (7). 26 Power one perhaps tested as re-
- quired (6,6).

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 18,226 will appear next Saturday

- Note the church raised nothing for a Continental place (7). 1 Sound use should be found for such attractive ribbon (8,4). 2 Understands about girl fliers being all at sea (7).
 - 3 A German princess making one cross? (9). 4 Extra sheets for particular people at home (5).
 - 5 Strike is interrupting those people giving remedial treatment (7).
 - 6 Tip read out in "The Winter's Tale" (7).
 - 7 In Australia a big figure is firm and sort of light reddish brown (9,3). 10 The enrolment of soldiers mean-
 - ing to impose restrictions (12). 15 Bread scattered among the left-overs for a bird (9).
 - 17 Both white and oriental coppers get rough (7).
 - 18 Take on when occupied with ap-19 Arrived on the building site to
 - make a home for Arthur (7). 20 Drink and talk about right way to disable opponents (4-3). 22 Get hitched? You would at one

time, without approval (5).

Coacise Crossword, page 22

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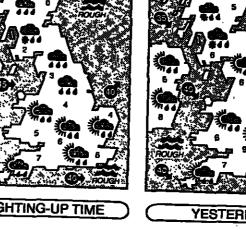
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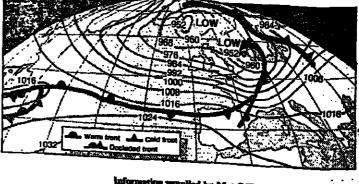
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Executive Editor **David Brewerton** CHANGE ON WEEK

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Both sides confident as Norfolk bid closes

By Our City Staff

The Queens Moat Houses bid for Norfolk Capital, the hotel and clubs group, closes at 1pm today. Both sides are con-

fident of victory.

After last week's slide in the Queens Moat share price, the all-share bid is worth £165 million, compared with the £184 million at which it started.

Queens Moat has bought 9.9 per cent of Norfolk, the maximum allowed under takeover rules. It can also count on the 8 per cent owned by Lady Joseph and Mr Anthony Good, Norfolk's former non-executive directors. In addition, Mr Peter Tyrie's Balmoral International, which owns 13 per cent of Norfolk, has indicated that it will

accept the Queens Moat offer. But Mr Peter Eyles, Nor-folk's managing director, be-lieves Norfolk's army of more than 20,000 private shareholders will reject the bid. He said yesterday: "It's going to be quite close but I don't think anyone wants to be ripped off - and that's what they would be." Queens Moat's bid is worth 38p per Norfolk share compared with a net asset

valuation of 53p. Balmoral trail, page 27 Laing brings out defence against P&O

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Laing Properties will today publish its defence document in response to the £441 million cash bid from Pall Mall Properties, a joint venture between P&O and Chelsfield.

Mr Brian Chilver, Laing chairman, said the document marks the beginning of a positive campaign to keep Laing independent. "We shall explain how good the company is and how good its

prospects are," he said. Pall Mall, which is offering 650p a share, has 22.8 per cent of Laing shares, while the Laing board and family and charitable trusts speak for about 38 per cent.

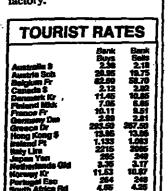
Bid message

Sketchley this week publishes its defence document in connection with the bostile £127 million takeover bid from Godfrey Davis. It is expected to give further information on the slump in profits forecast for the year ending in March. Tempus, page 26

Hartwell drive A petition signed by 1,400 employees and customers of Hartwell, the motor distribmor, was delivered to Mr Peter Huggins, chairman, at the weekend, urging the board to reject the £172 million bid from Jameel and to fight to stay independent.

Unilever buy

Unilever, the food conglomerate, has paid £43.7 million for Mexico's state-owned Industrias Conasupo edible oil refinery and pasta making



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Worry over Saatchi's future clouds share price

Shares in Saatchi & Saatchi, the debt-ridden advertising group, will come under renewed pressure on the stock market today, as investors continue to worry about the group's long-term future.

The shares have crashed from a 1988 high of 456p to just 138p by Friday's close, after an announcement that the group would not meet the market's profit forecasts for the current year.

The plummeting share price has again prompted talk of a takeover. Some market speculation even sug-

gests that a Japanese agency may be interested in acquiring a minority

The Stock Exchange is believed to the Stock Exchange is believed to be investigating sales of Saatchi shares before Friday's announce-ment from Mr Robert Louis-Drey-fus, the chief executive, which had analysts rushing to cut their esti-mates by more than £20 million.

The news came at the end of a black week for the Saatchi brothers' advertising empire, once the world's largest but now overtaken by WPP Group, its arch-rival.

The shares started the week at 225p, but the slide began with the accounts, which revealed that debt for the current year is likely to reach £250 million.

There is another £200 million inging over the group in the form of a Euroconvertible rights issue, made in 1988 and redeemable in less than four years, and a further £120 million due in time as deferred payments for acquisitions

Against this, analysts believe that in the year to the end of Sepember, Sautchi is unlikely to make much in excess of £40 million before tax and has no chance of maintaining last year's 9p dividend payment. The

antee a maintained payment.

Sastchi saw its shares changing hands at more than £7 before the 1987 market crash. Its troubles started with the acquisition of Ted Bates in the United States, for which many observers believe it overpaid. The acquisition was follow defections of key staff and the loss of

important clients. Last week's big upset came after renewed reports of legal actions in California by aggrieved sharehold-ers over the share price perfor-mance. This was followed by Mr entire industry faced a difficult year, and that profits would not meet expectations.

There was further concern at the delay in selling Saatchi's manage-ment consultancy division, which was set as the top priority by the chief executive on his appointment

The company indicated over the weekend that this is not going as smoothly as had been hoped because of the trend against leveraged buyouts. It desperately needs the disposal to cut its huge moun-

CBI reports weakening order books

By Our City Staff

turers' order books are cratic Pary to government and dampening prospects of price rises and jeopardizing further investment in industry, the CBI warns today.

The CBI's February trends survey shows a "significant decline" in the number of companies expecting to raise prices in the next four months. confirming industry's underlying gloom.

In the CBI survey, a balance of only 27 per cent of respondents anticipate higher factory gate prices — the lowest balance for the month in four years. In February last year, the balance was 32 per cent.

The CBI attributes the dampened expectations on the price front to continued order book weakness and the fierce competition this has fostered. One firm in three is now reporting total order books below normal, showing a significant weakening in de-

The survey will do little to cheer a stock market already hard hit by heavy falls in Tokyo last week, and facing on Wednesday the last trade

figures before the Budget. to fall after London closed on fall of more than 89. Friday, dealers return to work today anticipating a prolonged period of nervousness.

All eyes will be on Tokyo. fell by more than 7 per cent, brought with it the threat of higher interest rates.

On two days last week the Japanese market fell by about 1,000 points and twice London and New York shrugged off the falls with just modest slides. In London it is feared another big fall in Tokyo will make a far more serious correction in both the British and the US markets inevitable.

Over the weekend the Japanese authorities took steps to

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encourage Japan's financial institutions to support the Tokyo market when it reopened. But while the effectiveness of these share-support plans is now legendary, it will need more than one calm day to restore confidence. The other main worry for

investors is the current health of the German bond market. Last Monday, driven by activmarket, German bonds fell by about one and a half points on worries that remification will lead to higher interest rates. The FT-SE 100 index responded by falling 28.8 points. With Wall Street continuing the first stage of a week-long

After the Nikkei's initially cautious 300-point drop on the day of the election result, it was last Wednesday's 1,100-Last week the Nikkei index point fall that sent shockwaves into the other markets. after Japan's general election In London, the FT-SE 100 fell 3 per cent the year after.

Weakening manufac- returned the Liberal Demo- by 17.3 and in New York the Dow Jones average fell by 13.2 On Friday the pattern was repeated, with Tokyo's 930-point fall followed by a 32-point fall in London and a 10-point fall in New York.

But City forecasters fear the introduction of the community charge, higher utility prices and other scheduled increases will this summer push the inflation rate above last year's 8.3 per cent peak. As a bonus for the Govern-

ment, steadier factory gate prices will help slow retail price growth, partly offsetting some of the substantial price rises in the pipeline.

Mr David Wigglesworth, CBI economic situation committee chairman, said: "This is good news for the consumer and for the fight against inflation." But he added that weakening demand is squeezing profits and investment -"bad news" for the future

competitiveness of industry. The main focus of attention figures on Wednesday. • The economy will slowly this year but should

recover strongly next year, forecasts the London Business School. Inflation, however, will not fall below 5 per cent until 1992, (Rodney Lord, Economics Editor, writes). The forecast shows the economy escaping recession this year but growing only I per cent. Next year growth will rise to 2.6 per cent and exceed



Taking over: James Watson, left, in Blackpool yesterday with Sir Peter Thompson, whom he is to succeed as head of NI

chairman names successor

Sir Peter Thompson, chairman of NPC and pioneer of worker share ownership, yesterday presented his successor to the company's annual meeting in Blackpool (George Sivell writes).

The transport, travel and property group has chosen Mr James Watson, the present deputy chairman, to take over on the retirement of Sir Peter, who persuaded the Government to sell the then National Freight Corporation to its workers and managers for £55 million in

Mr Watson has been right-hand man to Sir Peter since 1972, joining him at British Road Services and moving to NFC with him in 1976. Mr Watson led the committee that worked on last year's successful flotation of NFC.

Sir Peter - 62 in April - told more than 3,000 of the company's 32,000 worker shareholders gathered at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, that he was

getting old and that it was the right time for him to go, now that NFC was listed on the stock market.

Also leaving is Mr Philip Mayo, architect of many of NFC's employee share-ownership breakthroughs. He is going to advise the Polish government on employee ownership of business. ing a worker director to the board after a

poll of workers, and a proposal will be put to next year's annual meeting. Employee directors had previously been ruled out at the annual meeting in 1985, when it was decided that there was

a danger of the "wrong sort of chap" getting the job. NFC already has one director appointed to look after the interests of small shareholders, and this director is coincidentally an employee.

NFC also reported first-quarter results yesterday and revealed that profit before tax in the three months to the end of December rose 17 per cent to £21.6

million on sales up 13 per cent to £373.4 million. Losses in the travel division rose from

£1.5 million to £2.1 million. Sir Peter said that it was "doing well to increase market share in a market on average 50 per cent down", but gave a warning that it may take some time to return to profit. fell from £9.7 million to £8.4 million, and removals fell from £5.6 million to £4.8 million. The property division rose from £4 million to £7.3 million.

Despite what directors say is disappointing growth in the first quarter, they are holding to their previous forecast of a 17 per cent rise in pre-tax profits for the full year to £105 million.

NFC said it would seek to earn most of its profits overseas by the end of the decade, against 23 per cent now, with expansion to come in the US and Europe. As few shares as possible would be issued to finance developments.

Pearson silent on Alton Towers talk

By Matthew Bond

on speculation that it may be about to buy the Alton Towers theme park from Mr John Broome's Alton Group.

Mr Mark Burrell, a Pearson director, said: "I believe this falls under the heading of market rumour. Our policy is not to comment on market

Pearson's leisure interests already include Chessington World of Adventure and Ma-dame Tussaud's. It has recently renewed a planning application for a £50 million theme park at Woburn Park, A number of quoted groups

have, over the past few weeks, sent representatives to view the huge Alton park, near Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. Rank Organisation and Gra-nada are thought to be among those expressing interest.

Pearson, the publishing group, consistently denied that Alton refused to be drawn yesterday Towers is for sale, although it has confirmed that Mr Broome has been seeking a partner to build a £20 million residential village in the park.

Mr Broome is thought to need to sell Alton Towers to rescue his ambitious plans to convert Battersea power station into a leisure complex. Work on the Battersea

project stopped a year ago. Security Pacific, the bank that financed initial work on the site, will make no comment on the current status of a £55 million loan it advanced on

It is far from certain that the sale of Alton Towers would allow the plans for Battersea to proceed. A number of property companies are looking at the site, although their interest is conditional on new planning permission with a much higher element of Mr Broome's company has commerical property.

General Cinema eyes BAT stores

States retailer, as well as 17 per cent of Cadbury Schweppes, is believed to be considering making offers for BAT In-dustries' biggest American shopping interests.

Company analysts have put price tags of up to \$1 billion each on the Marshall Field's and Saks Fifth Avenue department store chains, being sold

Farmers' fees worry.....27 as part of BAT's corporate

General Cinema, which has \$1.1 billion cash in the bank and wants to expand its retail side, is thought to want Mr Philip Miller, Field's chairoperation.

General Cinema Corporation, its shareholders a month later. the owner of 60 per cent of Various parties, both Ameri-Various parties, both Ameri-Neiman-Marcus, the United can and Japanese, have been reported to be interested, and BAT has confirmed that it has received a number of offers for

May Department Stores has already expressed interest in Field's, and Mr Miller is also working on a buyout plan in conjunction with JMB Realty Corporation and First Chicago Corporation, according to recent reports.

Cadbury, which reports full-year figures on Wednesday, has been on bid alert for several years because of the presence of the General Cinema stake.

Although the United States company is not thought to harbour any interest in taking man, to head the entire over the British sweets and BAT put both Field's and believed to be keen to pass the Saks up for sale in September. stake on, presumably to a The disposals were cleared by potential bidder.

Rankin may complain to exchange about sale delay

S&N ready to act over Elders stake

By Our City Staff

Mr Alick Rankin, chairman of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, is considering complaining to the Stock Exchange this week over continuing delays in the sale of the 23 per cent stake in S&N held by Elders IXI, the Australian brewer.

Meanwhile, sources close to Elders indicated it was still confident of completing the pubs-for-breweries swap with Grand Metropolitan, under which the Australian group would acquire GrandMet's five British breweries.

The Department of Trade and Industry has imposed a June deadline for Elders to reduce its S&N holding below 10 per cent. But Mr Rankin, who is angry at the uncertainty his company faces and Elders' attempts to shift the stake to a potential bidder, is believed to want this

deadline brought forward. Elders faces growing losses on its holding, set by S&N at about £100 million. Speculation about its impending sale has circulated since the DTI ruling, but peaked about a week ago in conjunction with reports of the

This, however, failed to materialize last week, as Elders became embroiled in a political row in Australia, where Mr John Elliott, the chairman, is suing Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, and Mr Paul Keating, the Federal Treasurer, for defamation over reports that the National Crime Authority is investigating the company's affairs. Elders also announced disappointing mid-year profits and the delay of a much-awaited corporate restructuring.

GrandMet has said it is ponsidering

other options to the deal with Elders. which owns the Conrage brewery and public houses in this country. The pubs, under the terms of the possible deal, would go to GrandMet.

A combination of Courage and the GrandMet breweries would give Elders more than 25 per cent of the market and a concentrated presence in the Southeast and could trigger monopolies problems. There was speculation, therefore, that both parties had been in talks with the Office of Fair Trading aimed at establishing a structure that would be acceptable to the authorities.

This could involve GrandMet selling part of its brewing business before the acquisition of the rest by the Australians or Elders being required to sell on parts after it takes control.

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Putting beef into Eurotunnel team should give bullish look to shares

after the alarms of the past two months, no news is good news.

Those who bought the hares for a long-term holding in the massively cash-generative utility, with some travel perks thrown in for good measure, have been cruelly disillusioned. The lowest ebb of their fortunes must surely have been reached when M Andre Benard, the chairman, made the admission 10 days ago that the project may never be completed.

As with so many twists and turns in the battle with TML, the construction consortium, the statement proved to be more form than substance another example of hyperbole in the war of words that has dogged the project for so long.

With the battle in full swing, it has been impossible to make a sensible judgement about the fundamentals of the share price. Not surprisingly, it has slipped from the 700p reached at the turn of the year to an uncertain 580p on Friday. Where it goes next depends on two key factors - first whether the dispute with TML erupts Eurotunnel's efforts to arrange the further £1.5 billion financing needed to complete the project is received in the City. Superficially, the row has

produced a number of positive developments that should enable the shares to settle down and the project to proceed at its current rate of progress, which interestingly, all parties agree to be ex-cellent. The British tunnelers have recovered magnificently after a shaky start and are working at close to record rates of boring.

TML may not have ousted Mr Alastair Morton, its bête noir, nor has it managed to win the high level of effective control over the project which game plan all along. But it has been responsible for the creation of a high-powered team of highly-experienced construction engineers within Eurotunnel. This has long been one of its declared objec-

United States to forge closer

formalization of such a

"Whether this might, in-

and its client. This beefed-up project team should be good for Eurotunnel shares. And sometime in April news that bank finance is arranged will Analysts will be reworking their computer models to evaluate the expected rates of return. Though costs bave

the tunnel proves to be a Humber Bridge or an M25. Perhaps the most significant event of the year for the project and the shares will be the expected breakthrough of the service tunnel towards the end of the year. The event will tives. But anyone who has met be accompanied by a great deal of media razzmatazz as the trio of executives comcerned is bound to doubt that the French and British tunnel-they will be anybody's push-over if further differences of neath the sea. At that point, the there are likely and the sea.

would seem to be the more

Mr Andriessen, who was in

Washington over the weekend

for meetings with Mrs Carla

- and how to face up to it.

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Mr Frans Andriessen, the after 1992. "For the moment,

European Commission vice- given the current process of

president of trade and external institutional development

relations, has called for the with the Community, a more

European Community and the ad hoc pragmatic approach

deed, prove helpful at some Hills, the US Trade Repre-

future stage remains to be sentative, and other American

seen," Mr Andriessen told a officials, urged the US to

conference in Washington on reaffirm the Atlantic alliance

the role of the US in Europe in response to the dramatic ued in the East.

links, but ruled out the appropriate option."

stressful, to say the least.

upsetting your clients, either.

them work for you.



Tunnel team: Alastair Morton, standing, with, from left, Alain Bertrand, André Bénard, John Neerhout, Alistair Fleming

Sketchlev

This week Sketchley will produce its defence document. It may not be very thick. The £138 million Godfrey Davis increased, the agreement with bid — now £127 million — TML removes a large uncer-tainty factor from this side of caught it not only with its pants down but off and at the the equation. The revenue cleaners. In its nakedness it forecasts are little changed and was forced to reveal its profits will always hinge on whether be substantially lower than expected this year.

It is not often a bid defence campaign opens with a profit warning, but in retrospect the With the bad news in the market, the defence document can concentrate on its more

That ought to make life easier for Sketchley and NM Rothschild, its adviser, but

EC plea for closer US links | US tax collectors

political changes in Eastern

"International co-operation

on an ambitious scale" was

necessary to fight terrorism

and to reinforce world trade.

Addressing US concerns about trading after 1992, Mr

Andriessen said that the

Soviet Union and Eastern

Europe would emerge as im-

portant markets for North

America and Western Europe

if democratic reforms contin-

ing should not even consider a misfiring acquisitions pro-sale until then. holders fed up with the feud- Davis - poor financial record, gramme - is justified. So logic about putting these two much so that the defence is groups together and Godfrey

already looking less like an

attempt to keep it indepen-

dent, than an effort to win better terms for shareholders. In a way this bid is a case of the misunderstood in pursuit of the not understood at all, Godfrey Davis remains best known for the motor activities that now produce only a third of its profits, and is judged accordingly yet it is now run

by the highly successful Sun-

light Services team reversed

into the group in 1987. Sketchley, on the other hand, is said to be identified course of action already been by 98 per cent of the population, but does not have a following in the City because it and Johnson Group Cleaners are not enough to form a

ector. price — 362p against a 350p
The Sketchley name is the bid value — is looking for a

cracking down on foreign companies operating in the

US with tough new laws and

Senior officials at the In-

ternal Revenue Service be-

lieve there has been a

significant underpayment of tax to the US authorities by foreign-owned American

companies, and have admit-

ted that for the past two years

they have been conducting

While foreign investment in

the US has tripled during a

decade when corporate profits

have soared, the amount paid

in US taxes has remained

More than half the 36,800

foreign-owned companies

which filed a tax return in

1986 - the most recent for

reported they had no taxable

IRS officials estimate that

cases now under investigation

could yield \$12 billion in

taxes. But international tax

experts say that figure repre-

sents only a fraction of what the IRS thinks it can anearth.

A new law passed last year

foreign-owned companies up to \$10,000 a month for failing to comply promptly with de-

allows the tax agency to fine

which figures are available -

largely unchanged.

income at all.

Convertibles The stock market's latest bout

cash offer, and Davis's ability

to produce one. Or, of course, the emergence of a third party.

of volatility ought to tip the balance in favour of convertible shares. Convertibles are like a combination of a fixedinterest security and a warrant to subscribe to equity at a particular price. Their strength comes during market downswings, when their fixed interest element limits any fall in capital values.

Those who feel shares are going to go up, but cannot afford to risk being wrong for a while, might well look at BZW Convertible Investment Trust, floated in January.

Two separate securities were issued: £50 million in ordinary shares and £20 mil-lion of loan stock, whose income and redemption terms will be matched to the All-Share Index. The loan stock gives the portfolio gearing and allows a higher income to be paid on the ordinary shares. At the time of the issue, a

notional portfolio of convertible stocks yielded 8.2 per cent, four points higher than the All-Share Index.

Income on the ordinary shares will simply be what is passed on from the convertibles in which the entire issue proceeds will be invested. As loan stock income will be low, the ordinary shares yield is leveraged up — probably to more than 10 per cent.

There is a lot of industrial

Davis has proved it has the

should certainly be capable of

wringing better margins out of Sketchley's £200 million turn-

Its weakness is the con-

dition of its own balance

sheet. Gearing is 90 per cent

and post-merger would rocket

and there is no doubt that

Davis would be in a far

stronger position had this

the bid has not been under-

written and while the market

evidence, and a study by the US Congressional Joint Com-

mittee on Taxation disclosed

tax payments of foreign-

owned businesses were un-

inquiries are foreign-owned US firms which import components or finished prod-

ucts from their parent com-

panies and distribute products

Dominating the list are the

Japanese car companies, al-

though the IRS has denied its

inspections are part of the

political trade battle between

But the two most talked of

Most vulnerable to IRS

usually low.

within America.

America and Japan.

two years ago.

liable to pay tax.

Selling the remaining car

to 200 per cent.

clamp down on

foreign companies

From Philip Robinson, Los Angeles

America's tax collectors are mands for records or other

The compensation for the low yield on the loan stock is the certainty of an index performance until the trust is wound up in 1996. But, naturally, there is a corresponding risk for ordinary shareholders of a reduction in their equity if the convertible stocks in which the trust is invested do not match the index over that

hire operations would halve it, The shares have slipped to 97p since dealings started just over a fortnight ago and those tempted to take the plunge should at least wait until the Concern over the balance market as a whole has botsheet may well explain why tomed out.

But for someone who has decided that convertibles are for him, the trust's spread of investments will help defray

Archer leads new energy campaign

Improved energy efficiency is the quickest and cheapest way of cutting emissions which are contributing to the greenhouse

Mrs Mary Archer, a leading scientist in the field of solar energy, is the first chairman of the foundation, which has been formed to promote energy awareness and its efficient use. The charitable trust will introduce a national home

from one to 10 depending on their energy efficiency, establish a permanent national energy efficiency exhibition centre in Milton Keynes.

Milton Keynes energy park and develop education and



sumer price inflation gap between Britain and West Germany will, in the long run, be the same as the difmanufactured goods.

By David Young Energy Correspondent

effect, according to the new National Energy Foundation.

energy rating scheme which will award homes a rating

further develop the



good record in industrial productivity. Such performance is likely to continue in the 1990s, given the enormous scope that still remains for raising British productiviy to German levels.

GILT-EDGED

Why a strong

pound could

still join ERM

hile domestic investors have been disappointed

weakness in gilts over the

past month, international

would have been delighted to

effect on continental markets

of uncertainty surrounding

International investors

have not accepted the con-

clusions of a National Insti-

tute of Economic and Social

Research (NIESR) study.

This said the right level for

sterling to become a full

member of the European

Monetary System (EMS) by

icining the exchange rate

mechanism (ERM), assum-

ing it happens in spring 1991,

would be DM2.35-DM2.40 if

we hoped to avoid sub-

sequent realignments, or DM2.60 if we accepted the prospect of further

Even the highest of these is

below the forward rate, and if

the markets thought the

lower figures were serious

possibilities, they would sell

sterling hard. The NIESR

study has three weaknesses

though it is possible to make

these criticisms only because

it has provided a clear,

sensible framework for

First, its estimate of the

sustainable equilibrium level

for sterling is low because of

the assumption that long-

term net structural capital in-

flows are zero. This ignores

the high profits to be made by

Japanese and other firms

which can use their manage-ment and technology to raise

the productivity of Britain's

low-cost labour to the best

European standards. Such in-

flows might well increase

after EMS entry consolidates

Britain's position within the

EC internal market, despite

the counter-attractions of

A the NIESR's low esti-mates of the ap-

propriate EMS entry level is

its assumption that the con-

This is inconsistent with

the experience of the 1980s,

when Britain's manufac-

turing cost performance was

much better than consumer

erence in cost increa

second reason for

East Europe.

devaluations.

analysis.

German monetary union.

portfolio managers

be overweight in this market. The third flaw is subtler. Gilts have outperformed The NIESR says that when against European bond mar-EMS entry is announced, kets, particularly if sterling's British short-term rates have appreciation is taken into account. This reflects helpful the gap with Germany. British factors, including It sees British rates reachtough talk on tight policy from Mr John Major, the Chancellor, and the adverse

ing about 8 per cent by the middle of next year in one case. This cut is not justified by slowing demand, so it gives a new inflationary kick to the economy, which is partly offset by tighter fiscal policy, but largely accommodated by accepting a low entry level for sterling -DM2.35 to the pound. This is exactly the danger emphasized by Sir Alan Walters and would damage gilts.
But this big premature cut

in base rates relies on two inappropriate assumptions. It assumes that on entry, British rates drop to within 2 per cent of Germany's on a kind of "confidence" effect, even though France, after three years of a "Franc fort" policy and 3.5 per cent inflation, has to pay more than 2 per cent above German short rates. he other flaw in the

NIESR's work is an over-optimistic projection of German rates, which it expects to fall over the coming year. The reality, with the strains of German monetary union hitting an economy at full canacity, is likely to be a collapsing current account surplus and short rates nudging double figures. So British rates probably will not fall sharply on EMS entry in the next 18 months, implying that there will not be a new inflationary kick, so that the entry rate will not have to be well below present levels. indeed, the NIESR's meth-

odology, with assumptions amended as implied above could easily produce an entry rate above present levels. perhaps DM2.90 or DM3.00. Because of the prospect of EMS entry, the normal rules of the game are reversed: the prospect of higher German rates makes British economic management easier and promises a higher value of sterling on entry than would otherwise be possible. Perhaps sterling's recent perkiness and the accompanying outperformance of gilts ver sus French OATs and German bunds are justified.

Giles Keating Credit Suisse First Boston

Bonn denies plan to swap Ostmark

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

of the proposed monetary union between the two Germanys has been fuelled by reports that Bonn has already had billions of marks printed for the purpose and is ready to accept East marks at parity to its own hard currency. The reports, carried in Bild

Zeitung, the West German popular newpaper, and in the Washington Post, surfaced after the opening round of the joint commission studying ways of achieving monetary and economic union.

The West German government and the Bundesbank issued immediate denials of the reports, describing them as designed to create panic, but failed to remove doubts in the financial markets.

Bild said Bonn had had DM10 billion printed in readiness for union and secretly stored. It said the money would be transported in armoured cars to banks in East Germany when prepara- economy.

Uncertainty about the shape tions had been completed. Both newspapers said East Germans would be allowed to change their East marks for West marks at a ratio of one-

Herr Dieter Vogel, deputy government spokesman in Bonn, denied any decision has been reached on the conversion rate. "We're still in the process of fact-finding," he

East marks have recently been trading at one-seventh of the West German mark's value, though officially of equal value.

Herr Otto Schlecht, a senior economics ministry official said last week one-for-one conversion could be an option, provided East German savings are frozen for some

The West German mark fell on the foreign exchange market, reflecting market concern about the implications of union for the West German

Brussels 'will look closely at Renault-Volvo link'

prices it was being charged by

were deliberately inflated to

Truck deal facing obstacle

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

tween the EC and the Euro-

pean Free Trade Association,

world overcapacity and falling

than £25 billion.

The Franco-Swedish co-operation deal which should catapult Renault and Volvo into the front rank of truck and car makers faces a tricky obstacle in the shape of the European Commission.

The commission is contesting the French government's write-off of Fr12 billion (£1.23 billion) Renault losses, although it said the issue will not be relevant to its weighing of competition issues in the Renault-Volvo deal.

The companies announced a series of cross-holdings on Friday. They will leap, as far as worldwide car sales values are concerned, to fourth behind General Motors, Ford and Toyota.

but added the commission would have to look at it closely, not least for its impact on excess truck capacity. Renault has been under EC pressure to reduce truck capacity. The Renault-Volvo deal has

cent share of the western acquisitions which have been European market where they reducing the number of global would jump from sixth to truck and car producers. fourth place behind Volks-Plunging sales in the US wagen, Fiat and Peugeot. Renault-Volvo will have a

have driven some truck makers into losses, while in Britain, demand after a sales combined turnover of more boom earlier last year has gone An EC spokesman said the into steep decline in the last deal had the benefit of furtherfour months. ing industrial co-operation be-

With makers cutting back on production, Renault-Volvo as a trucks producer would pose a threat to smaller British makers, such as Leyland Daf and AWD.

Renault and Volvo have been linked before, with Renault once having a 15 per cent stake which it subcome against a background of sequently sold as its debts grew. There has also been They would have a 12.5 per sales in the trucks sector and technical co-operation.

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by newcomer Howard and John Leigh-Pemberton, son of the Bank of England Governor, and previously the number two to the now de-parted Bird. Gumbaro effect

Since Edwina Currie's war on salmonella, statisticians at the Central Statistical Office have been able to cite the "Currie factor" as one of the explanations on a long list that they offer for nasty movements inthe food component of the Retail Price Index. The Cen-

Balmoral on acquisition trail By Stephen Leather

Balmoral Group is on the Good. At Friday's closing lookout for hotel acquisitions after throwing its weight behind the £158 million Queens 38p and the whole company at Most Hotels bid for Norfolk about £158 million

When Queens Moat first launched its bid, the share Mr Peter Tyrie's Balmoral has agreed to accept the Queens Moat bid, earning itself a profit of about £4 whole company at £178 million if the deal goes million.

But Mr Robin Grant of Mr John Bairstow, chair-Charterhouse Bank, which is man of Queens Moat, has declared the offer final, and if advising Queens Moat, said: "I don't think the movement he has less than 50.1 per cent by 1pm today he will not be allowed to extend it under the in share prices will have any effect on the institutional investors. They see it as a share swap. They will be Queens Moat, which algetting broadly equal assets but with better management. They are not influenced by the ready owns 9.9 per cent of Norfolk's equity, is offering two new Queens Moat shares market fall." for every five Norfolk shares.

However, Mr Anthony Mr Bairstow can also count on Richmond-Watson, chairman a further 8 per cent from two of Norfolk Capital, said the former Norfolk directors, offer was now a discount of 28 group had just received detail assets as and when they Lady Joseph and Mr Tony per cent to net asset value. planning consent for the prop-

He added: "Farmers is

A spokesman for Farmers

among the best products in the

said: "As far as I know, we

increased the number of poli-

cies written and the total

amount insured last year. We

have always priced our auto

products on a regional basis

because costs vary from state

Today, Idaho wili become

the third of nine American

states to hear evidence on the

proposed change of ownership of Farmers. Axa Midi Assur-

ances, France's third largest

billion to buy Farmers from Sir James Goldsmith's Hoy-

lake Investments if Hoylake

succeeds in taking over BAT.

complete the deal, need the approval of insurance regu-

lators in all nine states in

Both Axa and Hoylake, to

insurer, has agreed to pay \$4.5

as Farmers fight

enters new round

From Philip Robinson, Los Angeles

The multi-million dollar take-over fight for Farmers, BAT falling off as fast as it's being

Industries' American insur-ance group, moves to Idaho would sell maybe 30 to 35 new

have meant a cut in income industry, but its pricing policy for the insurer's 15,000 sales is losing us business.

today amid disclosure that the policies a month."

lack of new business in the

early part of last year may

Figures in the Farmers

monthly news magazine, The

Achiever, indicate that new

business in the first nine

months last year was barely enough to earn an agent \$50 a

Agents have been complain-

ing privately that Farmers is

pricing its products out of the

highly competitive insurance

market, and they say that this

threatens to cut their income.

According to the figures,

468,264 new policies were

sold in the first nine months of

1989, by agents numbering,

according to Farmers, be-tween 12,000 and 15,000.

The agents say that the figures indicate that an av-

erage of between 31 and 39

new policies were sold by each

of them over that nine-month

period, which would amount

new policies a month. Esti-

One agent, who declined to

commission income.

month in commission.



Tyrie aiming to buy hotels after backing Queens Moat bid

Tyrie: battle raised profile Queens Moat shares have fallen 14 per cent since the offer was announced and there seems to be no end to this decline," he said.

He said that this week Salointerested in buying the St James's Clubs, and that the

"Norfolk Capital can and will fulfil its plans for realizing £75 million in cash while continuing to increase the net asset value of the company,"

take control of Norfolk Capital Group, which owns 18 hotels and a chain of pubs in the United Kingdom, the battle has raised his public profile. He intends to use that to his advantage whatever happens to the Queens bid. "We have received a great

the stake in Norfolk," said Mr Tyrie yesterday. "We will now be considmon Brothers would begin ering them. We only drew negotiations with investors down half of our equity to purchase the Norfolk stake so we are free to move on other

many propositions since we

erty adjoining the Caledonian Group, formed after he re-Hotel in Edinburgh. Group, formed after he re-signed from the Mandarin signed from the Mandarin Oriental Group in Hong Kong, had paid £17 million for a near-13 per cent stake in Norfolk Capital.

He failed in his attempt to he said.

While Mr Tyrie and his him on the board, but the team failed in their attempt to paper bid from Mr Bairstow's Queens Moat now guarantees him a massive profit.

"Not bad for three months work," agreed Mr Tyrie. "We will sit on the shares as long as necessary but we do not intend to be an inactive shareholder in another hotels

Balmoral expects the bid by Queens Moat to be successful and that the shares will rise after the deal has gone through, Mr Tyrie's plans to take control of Norfolk and turn it into a five-star luxury hotel group were defeated at a Norfolk shareholders'

Worry over fees | ICI plans cleaning sweep



Aiming to clean up: Hilary Harrison, consumer products manager of ICI Homecare

facturer, is diversifying into the £400 million house cleaning market (Derek Harris writes). The move brings it into competition with leaders in the sector such as Lever Brothers, Reckitt & Colman and Johnson's Wax.

which Farmers is registered. ICI Homecare has been Evidence is still being taken created with Mrs Hilery to an"average of about four at the Illinois hearing. The Harrison as consumer products manager. She is planning initial promotional spending of new policies a month. Esti-evidence given to the panel in mates say that this level of California, where Farmers business would have gendoes most of its business, £1 million in women's magaerated about \$50 a month of ended last Thursday. A dezines to put over a new approach for this market. She cision is expected in about six said: "Most homecare prod-

ICI, Britain's biggest manu- ucts fill a particular niche and everybody has come to expect a product to do one job only." But two Homecare products have a broad application, one breaking ground as a household deodorizer which absorbs

> Branded Allfresh, it is a variant of sodium bicarbonate, which as a powder can deodorize carpets, deg baskets or destbins. Sprinkled in a cup of water it can remove stale smells in the refrigerator. The advertising campaign aims to put over this multiple use. Mrs Harrison said: "We

believe we have a unique product to offer." But com-

petition is expected to emerge ICI is also introducing Liq-uid Soda Crystals, a liquid version of soda crystals typi-cally used to freshen drains. Mrs Harrison said it was a good multi-purpose cleaning agent, especially for tough jobs, which could also be used for delicate textiles. Both the deodorizer and crystals are environmentally friendly.

ICI Homecare is also launching Crystal Clean, a concentrated liquid automatic dishwashing detergent.

ECONOMIC VIEW

How the Bank could move to independence

onetary policy seems unlikely to be given a starring role in the Budget. A new target will be set for the narrow definition of money supply, M0, which will probably be the same as the old one. Ritual words will be spoken about the need to bear down on inflation. And policy will go on much as

Given the record of the past 10 years, this is not enough. While the Government's heart has been in the right place in trying to realize its commitment to monetary control, it has not been able to construct a system able to deliver consistently low inflation. The 1980s have been a period of constant experiment, taking the Treasury from targets for broad money to narrow money, from over-funding to full funding, and from benign neglect of the exchange rate to a period when little else seemed to matter. Yet at the end of the day inflation is still

at 7.7 per cent and rising.
Full membership of the European Monetary System was the solution preferred by the former Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, and this may yet occur before the next election. But with inflation still heading upwards, helped by rises in mortgage rates and the effect of the Community Charge, the conditions put in place by the Prime Minister look further than ever from being fulfilled.

An additional systemic change is required both to bridge the gap until the pound may join the exchange rate mechanism and to support the aim of exchange rate stability. The best additional discipline on domestic monetary policy would be greater independence for the Bank of England.

Despite (or because of) Mr Lawson's intriguing flirtation with the idea, the Prime Minister shows no sign of being prepared to take her hands off the interest rate levers. Yet the idea is entirely in line with Conservative policy as developed in Opposition. In The Right Approach to the Economy, produced by the Conservatives in 1977, the party espoused "a more independent role" for the Bank.

t was a pity the Bank did not grab the idea while it had a fresh electoral mandate. But subsequent worries in Whitehall about how the Bank might discharge a more independent role are a poor reason for resisting change. Institutions adapt to the responsibilities thrust upon them.

Whether or not the Government is prepared to consider the idea, the House of Commons and the Bank between them have the power to make some useful moves in that direction. Independence of action would require legislation, but there is no law against independence of view. As a start the Treasury and Civil

Service Select Committee should cease inviting the Bank Governor to give evidence as a kind of second string to the Chancellor at the time of the autumn

statement and the Budget and instead ask him independently to give his views on monetary policy. The committee could invite him three or four times ayear, perhaps when the Bank publishes its Quarterly Bulletin, so that he could deliver his own assessment of monetary policy and the authorities' success

or lack of it in achieving their goals. Such sessions could develop almost. as much interest in the British context as the Federal Reserve Board chairman's twice-yearly testimony to-Congress does in the US. The Bank may not act independently, unlike the Fed, but it could develop an independent voice which might help significantly to concentrate ministers' minds and counteract any bias towards monetary laxity.

By moving in this direction, Parliament and the monetary authorities would be in step with developments elsewhere. Not only has greater independence been manifest in formal changes in the central bank's status as in Chile and New Zealand, it has also been evident less formally in the operations of EC central banks. From the Government's point of view - could ministers be persuaded of it - it would be a complementary institutional change to full membership of the EMS, removing some of the political burden of interest rate changes necessary to stabilize the exchange rate.

Some kind of more formal mechanism for monetary accountability looks as though it will need to be developed anyway. Two issues have emerged as central in the discussions of the EC's Monetary Committee, which is charged with preparing the ground for the Inter-Governmental Conference to discuss the further stages of economic and monetary union in Europe.

One issue is the nature and extent of fiscal co-ordination. The other is the nature and degree of independence of a European monetary authority. Herr Karl Otto Pohl, president of the Bundesbank, has made plain that he thinks the Eurobank should be as much like the Bundesbank as possible. The French appear to be prepared to swallow this as the price of monetary union. But everyone agrees that however it is constituted the bank will have to be democratically accountable in some way or other.

What should this mean? It might mean that the president of the bank would testify regularly before the European Parliament, or its committees, in Strasbourg. But a more attractive solution might be for each national member of the bank's board to defend the central policy before his own national parliament. It is not too early for the House of Commons and the Bank to begin preparing for this eventuality.

> Rodney Lord **Economics Editor**

Banks seek action on swap confusion

Britain's banks are calling for business until the distinction the Government to clear up has been cleared up. The

the continuing confusion in British Bankers Association the local authority interest- and local councillors have met rate swap market after last Department of the Environ- eign banks are apoplectic and they may sue to recover their week's Court of Appeal ruling ment officials to discuss poson Hammersmith and Fulsible legislation.

The verdict allowed local authorities to use swaps and swap options to hedge their debts, but said that speculation on the market was ultra vires (beyond their powers).

Bird flies

drops in

as Howard

The arrival of the three-man

staff. As a direct consequence

of the recruitment of Nigel

Howard and his colleagues, Barry Bird, who hitherto ran

the traded options team there

and had been with the firm for

three years, has, I hear, de-

parted. One of his specialist

traded options dealers, Tim

Browne, has also gone. And so

has equity salesman Richard Wood, who had similarly been

at SNC for three years. "But we are still hiring," says Paul

Roy, joint managing director of UK sales. About the op-tions desk, he explained: "We

have doubled our critical mass

overnight - with about seven

or eight people on the desk,

which is quite big for a retail

"The local authority market will not start again in the forseeable future. It cannot while the risk of transactions being ultra vires remains. This has got to be worried about."

local authority swaps. Sir Kit contracts were enforceable. McMahon, the chairman of The banks have a "hit-list" of the Government to act. "For- nected with the council that the London market."

The banks have also pledged to continue legal action to recover an estimated is something the Government £100 million from Hammer-The banks are refusing to said Miss Irene Dorner, of the refused to express an opinion debts, then the bank de take part in any new swap banks' steering committee on on whether any of its swap it that way," she said.

Midland Bank, also called on people and organizations conamazed that something has money. This list includes the not been done," he said. "It council's brokers, auditors could affect the whole state of and the Audit Commission and individual councillors. Miss Dorner said the list still exists and could be used.

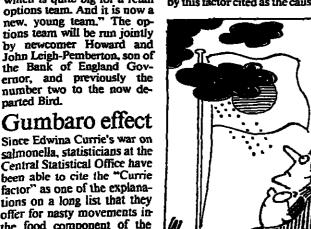
"If the council is trying to give the message to ratepayers smith council, since the court that they will escape their debts, then the bank do not see

Unsaddling disclosure

Voucher up his sleeve

ex-Citicorp Scrimgeour Vic-kers traded options team at Smith New Court — as re-vealed in the City Diary last week — seems to have dis-placed some of SNC's existing Just as the Government looks set to do away with any last remaining perks associated with having a company car, so a bright young entrepreneur, who already cleans shirts and vouchers instead. "No one has a bright young entrepreneur, who already cleans shirts and repairs shoes for busy City workers, has come up with an alternative method of giving employees a little extra something. William Holt, aged 24, and his former art dealer partner Jeremy Wayne, who launched Shirt Point on Black Monday - October 17, 1987 -

tral Statistical Office library of weird factors, which covers everything from last summer's drought to the more exotic global "pig cycle," has acquired a new one — Gumbaro's disease. Fleet Street's economics writers, fascinated by this factor cited as the cause



of rising poultry prices, have been told that the sickness, otherwise known as "chicken Aids," is badly affecting some commercial production units. Danish slip

Hambros, the merchant bank,

actually signed up yet, but Shearson Lehman and James

panies trying to recruit some-one would be able to offer

them, say, a year's supply of

shirt cleaning vouchers as an

which got a trifle hot under its collar last month when Danish insurance and financial services conglomerate Baltica revealed that it had built up a stake of more than 12 per cent, might have grounds to be further alarmed. For City PR firm Dewe Rogerson has just announced that it is now acting for Baltica. But the responsible PR man there, ex-Observer journalist David Simpson, was last week unable to confirm whether this was a prelude to further stake-building or - dare I suggest it? - a bid approach. He was "out of the country." Where? "Oh -

in Copenhagen . . . "

The Executives Association of

Great Britain, a mutual backscratching group for business-men and professionals, which apparently meets for monthly luncheons at the Savoy, had Dr Les Zapalowski, the economic counsellor from the Polish Embassy, as its guest speaker last week to talk about "Poland in Europe: hopes and challenges." Speak-ing about the changes that have recently taken place, he Capel have both expressed an interest," says Holt. "Comquipped, "Stalin once remarked that imposing communism on the Poles was like fitting a cow with a saddle. . . Poland will continue its journey up the democratic slope with a huge weight on its back but at last without the saddle strapped upon it."

> Making the most of the Perrier benzene scare bave been several of the newlyprivatized water companies which produce mineral waters of their own. But the award for least disguised glee at the rival French company's misfortune goes to the British Water industry's trade journal, Water Bulletin. On the cover of the latest issue, next to a picture of a bottle of Perrier, is the beadline "Eau Dear. H'Eau H'Eau?"

A new record for the mos precise invitation ever issued has surely been set by the London International Financial Futures Exchange LIFFE - which bas informed guests wishing to witness the opening of its new Euromark options contract, on March 1, to be there at 8.02am. Don't be

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Lord Mayor holds up Jeyes as a shining example to small firms

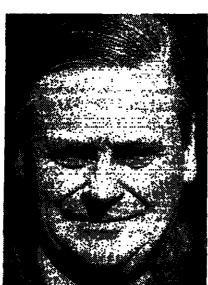
The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Hugh Bidwell, made the headquarters of Jeyes, the household cleaning products group, one of his ports of call when he visited Thetford in Norfolk.

It was the first in a number of visits to regional towns planned by Sir Hugh during his term as Lord Mayor. He will be making contact with chairmen of smaller companies and putting the message across to them that the City of London does not cater just for large

He told an audience of local digni-taries and businessmen that the City's facilities were there to be used by large and smaller companies and he held up Jeyes as an example of what could be achieved with the right funding and financial advice. Mr Jimmy Moir, managing director of Jeyes, has built a strong following among institutions during his many visits to the City.

Jeyes was the subject of a £3 million management buyout from Cadbury Schweppes in 1986. It went public in 1988 with a placing of shares at 140p each, valuing the entire company at £15 million. On Friday, the shares closed at 285p, giving the company a price tag of

Before Christmas, Jeyes raised £7.1 million by way of a rights issue on the basis of three-for-ten at 230p a share to use for acquisitions. In January, it spent £1.3 million on Kleenoff, a private household products group selling mostly



Sir Hugh Bidwell: visiting the regions through grocery and hardware shops. Jeyes, which boasts brand names including Jeyes Fluid, Parazone and Wet Ones, last year saw pre-tax profits grow from £1.2 million to £1.58 million and is forecasting £2.1 million this year.

Jeves already accounts for 48 per cent of the disinfectants market but its real growth has started to come from the impregnated wipes market, which is growing at 20 per cent a year.

Michael Clark

SWP fights low rating

factures timber components for the building industry, has seen its priceearnings ratio reduced to a fraction of its former glory in the past 12 months because of the property slump.

Now standing at about 36p, the shares are on a p/e rating of just six times, against a rating as much as 36 times earnings at one stage. Mr Bob Stickings, chairman, is far from happy about this. He points out that profits are still rising, even though the economic background is

Indeed SWP, which was floated on the USM in October 1988, has just unveiled interim figures for the six months to the end of December, showing pre-tax profits up from £534,000 last time to £561,000, even though turnover fell from £5.2 million to £4.9 million. Earnings per share rose from 1.35p to 1.58p. Analysts are now looking for profits of about £1.3 million from the full year, compared with £1.18 million in the year to endfrom Jacobson Townsley to Beeson Gregory and Mr Stickings hopes this might help raise its profile.

"People in the City seem to think that we actually build things but we do not. We design for and supply a wide spectrum of the building industry and we have just turned in record interims," he

"The private housing market has come down and that has affected us. But we have more than made up for that with other sectors of the same industry which have not been so badly affected. We have been picking up work with local authorities and housing associations carrying ont renovation work. And the commer-cial property work is still there.

"Our order books for all our busi-

nesses are very, very substantial and, depending how these are translated into production, our second half should be slightly stronger than our first half."

Carol Leonard

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Court of Appeal

Reasons cannot give ground Intention vital to legality of interest rate swaps of appeal against decision

Young v Secretary of State for the Environment and Others Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice McCowan

Court of Appeal

[Judgment February 20] A landowner in whose favour a planning inspector had quashed an enforcement notice was not entitled to have the matter remitted for rehearing on the ground that the inspector had made a finding not necessary for the decision but which might cause the landowner future

The Court of Appeal so held ne Court of Appear so need in dismissing an appeal by Mr Colin William Young from the dismissal by Judge Marder, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, of an appeal by Mr Young, under section 246 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, from a decision by the inspector, Mr A. K. Bragg, in respect of an enforcement notice issued by North Warwickshire Borough Council concerning land at Common Lane, Corley Moor.

The enforcement notice asserted that there had been a material change of use without the grant of planning

permission.

Mr Young's appeal to the inspector relied, inter alia, on ground (b) in section 88(2) of the 1971 Act, as substituted by the Local Government and Planning (Amendment) Act 1981, whereby an appeal lay on the ground "that the matters alleged in the notice do not constitute a breach of planning control".

In his decision letter the inspector stated that in 1981 the

Environment had, on an appeal against an earlier enforcement notice relating to the use of the land, granted planning per-mission subject to certain conditions.

After further consideration of

the facts he said: "There has been a breach of planning control and accordingly [Mr Young's] ground (b) appeal must fail."

He went on to hold that the breach of control alleged in the notice was incorrect as it referred to a change of use without planning permission, rather than failure to comply with a condition, and that since that defect went to the root of the rected under section 88A of the 1971 Act, inserted by the 1981 Act, the notice would be

Mr Barry Payton and Miss Julia Postull for Mr Young; Mr Roger Ter Haar for the secretary

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the inspector had set out the history of the land and the arguments of the parties in relation to what had been done pursuant to the planning per-mission and had expressed his view on the facts.

The complaint was that it was unnecessary for him to say that Mr Young failed under ground (b) in coming to the conclusion, for the reason given by him, to quash the decision, and that what he had said might give rise to injustice to Mr Young in the

ground (b) was made out was a matter of fact for the inspector, at least in the present case. The inspector was entitled to make findings on matters argued before him, as part of the explanation of his decision,

vhether or not they were essential to his decision It was a part of open justice that a judgment or decision letter should explain the process

whereby the decision had been reached. A tribunal should obviously take care not to make findings on matters irrelevant to its decision which might have serious consequences for a party which were not reflected in the decision, but there were a variety of reasons why findings could be made on matters not

essential to the decision. For example, a judge at first instance might make findings, which were not necessary, on his view of the law, in order to avoid there having to be a retrial in the event of a different view of the law being come to on an

appeal.

Mr Young feared that he was saddled with findings which might give rise to an issue future. estoppel in any future

proceedings.

But if what was said by Lord
Bridge of Harwich in
Thrasyroulou v Secretary of
State for the Environment
([1990] 2 WLR 1, 16) was a relevant law in a planning context, it was necessary, in order to found a plea of issue estoppel, that the finding in was an essential

His Lordship would regard the inspector's findings com-plained of as merely ancillary and not essential.

Mr Ter Haar submitted that

the appeal was misconceived as the inspector's decision was in Mr Young's favour, and that there was a general rule for civil proceedings stated in Lake v Lake ([1955] P 336, 346-347) where Lord Justice Hodson had said that if by the formal order of the court a defendant had

by reason of matters that had been decided against him, "nevertheless, it does not follow that because the judge, in arriv-ing at his conclusion, has determined those matters in that way, there is an appealable issue

... There was no slip in the order, and there is no appeal against the reasons given by the judge before making the order." It was fundamental in each case to look at the order. In the present case, it was that the enforcement notice had been

It was probable that the reason for the difference in wording between sections 245 and 246 of the 1971 Act, to which Mr Payton had drawn attention, was that section 245 had a wider range.

The appeal should be dismissed on the grounds (i) that the inspector was entitled to say what he did in his decision lette and (ii) that in the circumstances of the case there could be no appeal by Mr Young from a decision in his favour. LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN,

concurring said that Mr Young was appealing not against the inspector's decision but against his reasons, and the Act gave no power to appeal against reasons. Even if the sentence complained of was part of the decision, Mr Young could point to no error of law in it. concurring in the result, said that his concern was that the

decision might be interpreted more widely than his Lordship would intend. It was important that the court's decision on the facts (where there had been no error of law) should not be taken as

unduly restricting the right of appeal in section 246. There seemed much force in the argument that there could be more than one ground of de-cision and so more than one "decision" for section 246

His Lordship derived no assistance from Lake and the effect of Thrasyvoulou would

have to be worked out in years Solicitors: Clinton Davis, Cushing & Kelly, Clapton; Treasury Solicitor.

Directing the jury on dishonesty

Regina v Vosper It was wise for a trial judge, when directing a jury on disbonesty on the lines set out in R Ghosh ([1982] QB 1053, 1064), to use the ipsissima verba used by Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, in that case.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Stocker, Mr Justice Macso stated on February 19 when allowing the appeal of Ronald Burleigh Vosper against his amounted to a misdirection. For

Recorder Pearce and a jury) of obtaining property by deception, on which he was sentenced to three years imprisonment.
LORD JUSTICE STOCKER said that although paraphrase was permitted, an accurate quotation of the relevant sentences from Ghash would remove the possibility of any

confusion arising. given in this case was inaccurate and potentially misleading, and conviction on March 3, 1989 at that and other reasons this Chelmsford Crown Court (Mrs conviction would be quashed. Hazell v Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council and Others

Having decided that issue in circumstances, being able to option or gilt option, or a cash the auditor's favour the Dienter into swap transactions as option or interest rate caps, which by its earlier conduct it might cause to its ratepayers. Before Sir Stephen Brown, President, Lord Justice Nicholls

and Lord Justice Bingham [Judgment February 22] Interest rate swap transactions entered into by a local authority

for the purpose of mitigating or averting potential loss to rate payers or community charge payers were lawful and for a proper purpose, but such transactions entered into for the nurpose of trading were ultra The Court of Appeal so stated

allowing in part an appeal from the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (The Times November 2, 1989; (1990] 2 WLR 17). Section 19 of the Local Gov-

ernment Finance Act 1982 provides: "(1) Where it appears to the auditor carrying out the audit of any accounts under this Part of this Act that any item of account is contrary to law he may apply to the court for a declaration that the item is contrary to law except where it is sanctioned by the secretary of

Mr Gordon Pollock, QC, Mr W. Rhodhri Davies and Mr Alan Griffiths for the Midland Bank plc, Security Pacific Nat-ional Bank, Chemical Bank and Mitsubishi Finance International Ltd; Nr Nicholas Chambers, QC and Miss Catha-rine Otton-Goulder for Barclays Bank plc; Mr John Howell for Mr Anthony John Hazell, the auditor, Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Miss Catherine Newman for Hammersmith and Fulbam Council.

THE PRESIDENT, giving the adgment of the court, said that on the application of the audimade a deciaration that items of account in the capital market fund account of Hammersmith Council for the financial years beginning April I, 1987 and April 1, 1988 were contrary to law and had ordered the accounts for those years to be rectified. That order had been challenged by the respondent

The issues heard by the Divisional Court were whether certain transactions entered into by the council were capable of being within the powers con-ferred on local authorities by Parliament; if so, whether those transactions were in fact entered into by Hammersmith in a proper exercise of those powers; vhether the transactions were not such that a reasonable authority could have engaged in; whether the transactions were authorized properly or at all by the council, and whether the capital markets fund was validly established or maintained by the

The Divisional Court answered the first issue in the auditor's favour. That answer rendered unenforceable any outstanding claim by the banks against the council and pre-cluded successful claims on similar facts by any other bank against any other local

opinion that the other issues should also be decided in the

auditor's favour. The items of account chal-enged by the auditor had for convenience been generically described as interest rate swaps.

The genus comprised financial transactions more specifically called interest rate swaps, interest rate swap options, interest rate caps, interest rate floors, interest rate collars, forward rate agreements, gilt options and

cash options.

During the last decade a new market had developed trading in interest rate swaps and other related transactions. The volume of trade had been enormous and the range of institutions participating in the

A prudent institution might bona fide enter such transactions for the purpose of lessening risk and reducing uncertainty. The market could be speculative.

In the interest rate swap market the true commercial character of a transaction would become apparent only when the full circumstances were If a transaction was not to be

regarded as speculative trading, it must be made, by one party at least, with clear reference to an underlying obligation or asset.
The auditor was entitled to seek relief if he could show that an item of account was unlawful or improper.

Hammersmith's Council's ability to use its funds to defray obligations under the in-struments under challenge destatutory power, express or im-plied, which authorized the council to enter into the

estruments.
The Local Government Act 1972 contained no express power which enabled local the transactions and did not contain an express prohibition.

There was no implied power to enable a local authority to engage in a trade or busines for profit.

Mr Howell had argued that dealings with the funds of a local authority were regulated by statutory powers and duties and he placed particular reliance on the detailed code respecting the powers of local authorities to borrow and lend money set out in Part 1 of Schedule 13 to the 1972 Act There was some force in that

argument. However, in the view of the court, if there had been a swaps market in 1972 it would have been likely that Parliament would have made some provision regarding participation by local authorities in the same way that Parliament had regu-lated the participation by building societies in the market: see the Building Societies Act 1986 and the Building Societies (Prescribed Contracts) Order 1988. The court concluded that the detailed code in Schedule 13 and the other statutory provisions

regarding borrowing and lend-

ing were not inconsistent with

The court was unable to accept Mr Howell's sweeping submission that in no circu stances at all could a local authority ever enter into any The court differed from the

narrower interpretation of the powers of local authorities accepted by the Divisional Court. Where precisely was the boundary line between interest rate risk management, which was permissible, and trading which was not? The court attached importance to the clear linkage between a swap transaction and a particular debt or investment.

The court referred to sections The court's view was that the local authority had a duty to take reasonable care to manage its borrowings and investments prudently, to which duty enter-ing into swap transactions by way of interest rate risk management was an ancillary power, was not a function which fell within the ambit of section 101(6) as one of a local authority's functions with re-

spect to borrowing money. It was duty which arose out of and in connection with its borrowing and investment functions. The discharge of that duty, day by day, could not be regarded as the discharge of a function in respect of borrowin within the meaning of th within the meaning of the section so as to require every step to be considered and ap-proved by resolution of the

council itself.
The Divisional Court identified two types of swap trans-actions as incapable as being used for interest rate risk management by local authorities even if authorized by the

First, "intermediation" where Hammersmith acted as an intermediary and entered into swaps with a view merely to obtaining a "turn", that is, to assist another council which was rate-capped.

In the court's view "intermediation" was a type of purpose, not a type of swap transaction. The purpose for which a local authority entered into a swap

transaction went to whether the local authority was empowered to enter into that particular transaction; if it was by way of interest risk rate management it was so empowered but if it was by way of trading the authority was not so empowered.

fied, as the second prohibited group, transactions in which the council sold options or otherwise received premiums for cutering into any of the It was essential to keep clearly

in mind that the question was whether such transactions were ever capable of being used by a local authority for interest rate

тападетепі. The answer was clear. There might be circumstances in which a local authority was

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which had featured in the proceedings were capable of being lawfully entered into by a local authority in the exercise of its powers under the 1972 Act in the sease that there might be circumstances in which they could be lawfully be undertaken by a local authority.

The court had carefully considered all the material before it and it was satisfied that

all the challenged transactions up to July 25, 1988 had been tainted with the improper purpose of trading.
That conclusion was based on one clinching fact that neither before the transactions began nor at any time before July 1988 did the council or its officers make any detailed analysis of the interest which was due to be paid or received at any time in There was no attempt to match the council's actual debts

and investments. It was clear by the pattern of the council's activity that it was engaged in trade or speculation. The absence of proper purpose was manifest from the beginning.

The purpose of the council in the transactions of the council in the transactions. the transactions entered into after July 1988 was radically different from what it had been before. The change could be dated from July 25, 1988.

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The overall conclusion on the

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The correct principle was that if a local authority had unwittingly and in good faith ex-ceeded its powers, and was with good reason uncertain whether or not it had done so, it had implied powers for such period as it reasonably took to take such steps at it prudently could

in July 1988 the council did not adopt any resolution to au-thorize the steps thereafter taken

during the interim strategy period. A council meeting should have been called to receive a report on past transactions and to give such authority which the council thought fit for the immediate future.

The court did not think it appropriate to grant a declara-tion in respect of items of account arising from trans-actions entered into during the interim strategy period.

The council had never validly

established a capital markets The transactions entered into by the council up to July 25, 1988 were without exception entered into for the purpose of trading and were outside its

The items of account relating to those transactions were contrary to law within the meaning of section 19 of the Local Government Finance Act 1982 and the auditor was entitled to a declaration to that effect.

The transactions entered into from July 25 to February 1989 were entered into for the purpose of mitigating potential loss to the race payers and that was a lawful and proper purpose.

The auditor was not entitled to a declaration relating to those items of account

The question whether any outstanding contract was enforceable between Hammer-smith Council and any other party was not before the court and the court would express no

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138-20a ABB Rent	174	+1	5.3	3.0	19.5
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129-20a ABB Rent	70	-3	5.6	6.3	9.4
150.00a Aphament	25	-3	1.3	3.5	5.9
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REPORTING THIS WEEK

Vickers 'faced with a stationary Rolls'

Vickers, the engineering, defence and luxury cars group; chaired by Sir David Plastow, is expected to report final pretax profits of £80.3 million; compared with £69.8 million, according to Nomura

Rolls-Royce Motors, which provides nearly a third of the group's turnover, is thought to have had a flat year after it pointed out the impact of higher development costs on profitability at the interim stage, with full-year operating profits expected to remain static at about £23 million.

The group is awaiting confirmation of the Challenger II tank contract, which is expected to be awarded by the Government, although some analysts are doubtful as to whether expectations will

It will be interesting to hear the group's opinion on how its defence interests, which contribute about £15 million to annual operating profits, may be affected by changes in world events.

Worsening conditions in the second half will squeeze the margins in the volume franchises at Appleyard, the motor dealer. Analysts expect taxable profits to climb from £9.06 million to £11.5 million for the year.

Results for 1989 are expected to be level at Williams Heldings, the industrial holding group whose brands include Smallbone kitchens and Polycell products, as the impact of higher interest rates affects the paint and DIY businesses as well as increased interest charges from capital and acquisition expenditure.

Market forecasts for fullear pre-tax profits range from £140 milion to £152 million, against £116 million last time. national Colour Management.
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TOMORROW

solid if somewhat dull performance is expected from STC, the communications and information systems cent, the consolidation of where Mr Arthur acquisitions and some imgroup, where Mr Walsh is in the chair. Profits at ICL, Britain's

biggest computer manufac- pected to be boosted by curturer, which provides more than half of STC's profits, are expected to improve by 6 per cent to about £137 million. County NatWest Wood-Mac, the broker, is looking for a 13 per cent increase in final pre-tax profits to £260 million, with profits for this year

remaining flat. Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch food group, is likely to show a lincome Trust, SEET.

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15 per cent advance in fourth-

quarter profits, reflecting vol-

ume growth approaching 4 per

The full-year result is ex-

rency gains of about £135

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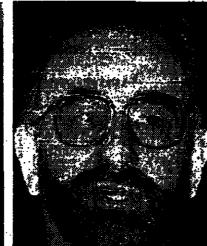
£1.74 billion, compared with

£1.45 billion last time, with

forecasts generally ranging from £1.7 billion to £1.75

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provement in margins.



Cadbury's Sir Graham Day

Sir Campbell Adamson, the

chairman of Abbey National, and Mr Peter Birch, the chief

executive, will report the first

full-year figures since the company's flotation.

UBS Phillips & Drew has

pencilled in pre-tax profits of

£490 million, compared with

£414 million, with most of the

increase due to the interest

earned on flotation proceeds.

This is at the top end of

Mr John Wriglesworth at



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forecasts, which range from £465 million to £490 million. However, a healthy im-provement in the core business is thought to have been masked by a number of oneoff factors, including about £17 million of pension costs and gilts losses of about £16

All the composite insurers reporting final results will be affected by bad losses in the second half as a result of Hurricane Hugo, the Californian and Australian earthquakes, British subsidence claims (after the hot summer) and the higher frequency, as well as heavier individual

costs, of Irish motor claims Barclays de Zoete Wedd,

the broker, sees final pre-tax profits falling from £201 million to £143 million at ercial Union, with Hurricane Hugo accounting for losses of £20 million. Profit forecasts range from £130 million to £145 million.

General Accident, which is based in Scotland, is likely to see its full-year profits reduced from £290 million to £168 million, with forecasts varying from £160 million to £180 million. General Accident had a greater exposure to Hurricane Hugo, losing £63 million as a result.

soft drinks and confectionery group headed by Sir Graham Day, which has brands ranging from Milk Tray to Schweppes Tonic Water, is expected to report total pretax profits of £249 million, against £215 million, according to Smith New Court, the

A combination of the higher oil price, improved production rates and the acquisition of Thomson North Sea (which was acquired in March, 1989) should boost Lasmo, the independent oil group which has a diverse drilling programme.

It is expected to report a net income of £60 million for the full year, compared with £27.6 million last time, according to Goldman Sachs.

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THURSDAY

Barclays Bank, which is chaired by Sir John Quinton, is the last of the big four banks to report its final results. Analysts are wondering

Cadbury Schweppes, the what will happen to domestic provisions after some of the sharp increases last week. Less-developed countries' debt provision is about 50 per cent and some analysts expect this to rise to 70 per cent. The bank is believed to have been selling large parts of its Third World debt on the secondary

UBS Phillips & Drew is looking for pre-tax profits of £815 million, compared with £1.39 billion, although forecasts range from £622 million

to £924 million. Final pre-tax profits at Royal Insurance are expected to slump from £223 million to £129 million, according to BZW, with estimates ranging from £115 million to £145 million. Hurricane Hugo will cost about £40 million and British subsidence costs are estimated at about £40 million while the estate agencies are expected to have lost about £25 million.

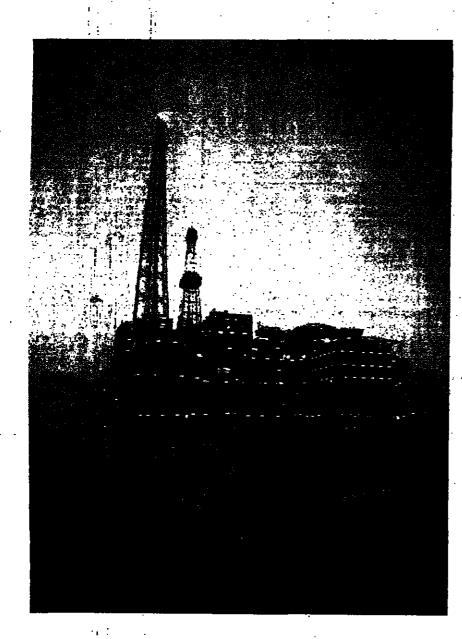
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Dollar strength puts Japanese in a dilemma

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he strength of the dollar the cash base of the world is emerging as a key system.
barrier for the Japanese Between policy-makers.

The yen has failed to im-prove against the dollar and has suffered significant losses against the mark, despite an increase of more than a third in short-term Japanese interest rates since the summer

A key element in Japanese policy planning last year was the belief that the dollar would weaken and that a stronger yen would obviate a need for tough domestic policy measures by Tokyo.

This easy option has now been closed by the continuing weakness of the yen. Persistent and expensive sales of dollars by the Bank of Japan in the past few days have also failed to support the Japanese currency, producing a policy crisis within Japan.

The Bank of Japan does not want to raise the official discount rate because the Japanese stock market is in trouble. But the currency markets expect a rise and will punish the yen until it is forthcoming.

While this crisis is evolving, the dollar is strong. It is through yen sales against dollars that the maximum pressure is being exerted on Japan. Americans suffer from quite "cultural cringe" these days.

They are constantly told they are the biggest debtor nation in the world; their industry is inefficient; they cannot beat the Japanese at anything (maybe not even at baseball) and their bond market is being depressed by events overseas.

It is a sad state of affairs or so we are told. Yet America's foreign exchange reserves in the year to December 1989 rose by \$27 billion to \$63.6 billion — or 73 per cent.

What is more, at present prices, America's stock of 261.93 million ounces of gold is worth about \$105 billion. America's "ready cash" thus totals about \$168 billion, which is not humiliating. Since the end of 1987, the United States has accounted

for all the increment in G7 foreign exchange reserves. The sharp rise of America's foreign exchange reserves last year is clearly evidence that world cash is being sucked into America.

This is a further indication that American monetary pol-icy is so restrictive that the US is gaining a growing share of

Between end-1987 and end-

1989, non-dollar G7 forex reserves were static, at \$272 "Defending the dollar" is

leading to a worldwide cash crunch. As far as the balance of payments position is concerned, the US is - in truth in good shape and does not need to follow a policy of severe monetary restraint for balance of payments purposes. The 73 per cent increase in US forex reserves in the two years to December 1989 tells us that America's balance of payments problem is by no means

Of course, it suits the Federal Reserve to act "as if" America faces a frightful "dollar crisis." This gives the maintain a strict policy.

But this can be overdone. Meanwhile, US reserves of gold and foreign exchange continue to stack up.

An issue rarely mentioned is that the US holds a dis-proportionate amount of its total gold and foreign exchange reserves as gold.

The value of gold (at \$400 an ounce) to the total value of US forex and gold reserves at the end of 1989 was 61 per cent. In West Germany the ratio was 39 per cent and in Japan 10 per cent.

Counting gold at \$400 an ounce, the US at the end of 1989 had sufficient cash re-serves to finance four months' imports; the comparable figure for Germany was four months and for Japan five

The United States never admits it has those gold reserves. US gold is valued by the Federal Reserve at \$42.22 an ounce.

But that is no reason for rational thought to value the US stock of 261.93 million ounces at the price pertaining in 1974.

In any case, the rapid increase in America's reserves of foreign exchange tells us that the underpinnings of confidence in the dollar are far stronger than the worldwide condemnation of the US "twin deficits" would suggest.

American dollar bears, like Mr John Paulus, chief economist at Morgan Stanley, and Harvard's Mr Martin Feldstein have been grievously and continuously wrong on the dollar. This is a lesson the Japanese

authorities are painfully learning.

Oil groups to prospect in Uganda

Kampaia (Reuter) – Uganda is to sign an important oil exploration agreement with Western oil companies led by Petrofina of Belgium, Mr Henry Kajura, the Minister of Water and Mineral Resources, said at the weekend.

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Will Labour be the real winner?

How much influence does Labour have on the National Union of Students?

That, Sam Kiley says, is very much

the issue for the two main contenders

he 1980s were a confrontational decade for student unions. A campaign orchestrated by the National Union of Students against Sir Keith (now Lord) Joseph's plans to means-test tuition fees forced what was probably the first Thatcher U-turn in 1984. In 1986, the NUS joined forces with the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals and the Labour Party against what they saw as threats to academic freedom in the 1988 Education Reform Act.

In November 1988, fringe elements fought with police at the "Battle of Westminster Bridge" as 20,000 marched against the Government's plans to introduce student loans. The anti-loans cam-paign came to a head at the end of last year when individual college unions and students themselves threatened to boycott all banks taking part in the scheme.

Though the banks say they pulled out of negotiations with the Government in December 1989 because they were not offered enough cash to administer the system, the Education Secretary, John MacGregor, said they had "run away at the first whiff of grapeshot" mobilized. when the students

Now the NUS is holding elections for president and the two-

front-runners argue that, just as paint-throwing and violence at Grosvenor Square in the 1960s gave way to single-issue cam-paigning 20 years later, student unions will have to take an increasingly technocratic role in the

By the time that either Richard "Cosmo" Hawkes or Stephen Twigg take over the presidential reins - the other six candidates election — the Education (Student Loans) Bill will have been defeated or enshrined in statute. It will then fall to the president of the NUS to keep the union together in the absence of a government policy to campaign against.

The NUS does not have in-

dividual members (a fact which does not stop it claiming to represent the views of a million students) but is the unifying body for a federation of individual unions in 800 colleges throughout Britain. Presidents and officers are elected at the national conference in April by delegates themselves elected by students at each college, although there is nothing to force delegates to stick to their own

Which way the delegates vote will depend largely on the force of personality of the independent Cosmo Hawkes who, by his own admission, is a Butlin's Redcoat at



Stephen Twigg (left), backed by the Labour Party machine, and "Cosmo" Hawkes, who describes himself as a Butlin's Redcoat at heart

heart, and Twigg, a soft-spoken member of the National Organiz-ation of Labour Students (Nols), who has the backing of the party machine and finances.

The outgoing president, Maeve Sherlock (also Nols), had a fairly easy time of it; in her first election she fought against a hard-left candidate from the Socialist Students in Nols (SSIN) and last year against Clive Searle of the Socialist Workers Students Society, neither of whom was likely to upset the applecant. This year, the race will genu-

inely be two-horse, although their colours are sometimes difficult to tell apart. Both candidates say they are socialists. Both believe grants should be given to those

wanting to study beyond their six-teenth birthday. They also say grants should be raised to 1979 levels (about £2,600 compared with the £2,200 students actually

Twigg and Hawkes also believe that the NUS should maintain its "no platform" policy of denying a voice to "declared racists and fascists" (they include members of the British National Party, the League of St George, the National Front) although ministers want to ensure that free speech is upheld on campuses and may this year take action against unions or colleges that fail to allow this. The difference between them is the Labour Party.

Hawkes, the secretary of the

Why we'll be independent of the curriculum

union and who is paying for his election campaign out of his own pocket, says: "A president who is a member of the Labour Party is entirely controlled from Walworth Road (the south London headquarters of the party). We have been mandated by our conference to run a campaign of non-payment of the poll tax but because the Labour Party disagree with this tactic, the Labour executives on the NUS make sure that student union policy goes on the back-

Twigg, this year the vice-president responsible for education, believes that the union has failed to come up with a coherent education policy and looks forward to less reactive confrontation over issues and more positive contributions to the debate.

"So far, the NUS has been geared towards mass activities. he says. "We need to look towards more subtle ways of working."

He is adamant that he would put the needs and wishes of students before those of the Labour Party - he does not have political ambitions but would like to be a barrister. Twigg vows to change the "culture of intolerance and

confrontation" that surrounds student politics and to seek a less partisan identity for the union and those who shape its future. But he promises a "very strong reaction" from students if universities, polytechnics or other colleges try to their tuition. "There would be a very big reaction," Twigg warns, a statement not to be taken lightly, given the strength of feeling

Campaigning proper for the elections, which take place at the union conference in Blackpool on April 3, opened at the Democrat student conference in Cambridge yesterday, but while Twigg has the advantage of a national network of Labour clubs to canvass on his behalf, Hawkes has to rely on the cult of personality he is building

Over the past year, Hawkes, who earned the nickname Cosmo while performing for children in holiday camps in north Wales, has been hosting game shows and blind date" sessions in unions up and down the country in an effort to raise the NUS profile on campuses. His election expenses are expected to come to £2,000.

undits inside NUS head quarters in Holloway Road, north London, say that the odds on Twigg winning are about 6 to 4. "He is popular and respected as a grafter," an NUS member says. To beat Twigg, Hawkes must mobilize enough disaffection with what he claims is the Labour Party domination of the NUS. As an independent, he will also appeal to the green voters, whose only conceivable alternative is Geoff Ellingham, best known for his pro-Gorbachovian economic theories. Hawkes may even pick up votes

from the far left, who would rather throw in their lot with an independent than endorse the Kinnockite

ritain's independent B schools are not subject to the National Curricuium proposals of the Educa-tion Reform Act, but they would want to go as far as they could in adopting them. The Labour Party has said it will compel independent schools to follow the curriculum.

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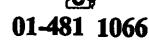
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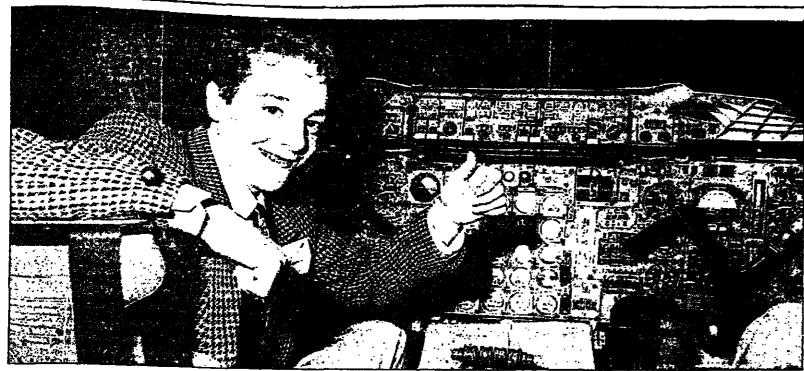
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In the past decade, employers have become increasingly aware of the value of links with education. For many, the simple attraction of making themselves known to potential employees was enough of a goal. At a deeper level, the benefits of schools turning out teenagers already familiar with the world of work are considerable. Pupils who know how industry works fit more easily into the corporate system.

Despite constant ministerial urging, schools have been rejuctant until recently to do more than dip their toes into the water of industrial co-operation. Some teachers have rebelled against what they saw as an attempt to turn them into trainers rather than educators. The quality of teaching material offered to schools by some companies has done nothing to assuage the unease many parents and teachers have felt about allowing industry into the classroom.

An example of the problems is the relationship between schools and the

British Airways is helping in a project to introduce pupils to the world of work.

Douglas Broom looks at the concept

all types of job from aircraft loaders to

pilots," he says. "We want to project ourselves as a company interested in

the development of young people. We

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exercise. In any event, that would not

work - young people are far too

The emphasis is on providing

materials already available from the

airline that could help teachers to

increasing willingness to play a

constructive role in education. Other

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r Gerry Hones, of Bath University School of Edu-

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food industry. Some material produced for schools has been impartial. But more of it has been little short of advertising. Much is awash with company logos and references to products and advertising campaigns.

Equally worrying are the motives that prompt companies to issue educational material on subjects on which they have a strong interest in influencing opinion.

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Hones is untroubled by suggestions that industry is getting too great a say in education. Leaving control over the course in the hands of teachers ensures that commerce is harnessed to pupils' needs, he says.

This view finds only qualified favour with George Turnbull, industrial liaison officer at the Associated Examining Board, the biggest provider of A level exams. He is a veteran of schemes to bring education and industry closer together and has already overseen the introduction by his own board of a GCSE in travel and tourism, sponsored by American Ex-

"I defend the principle of more links between industry and education," he says. "But every scheme has to be judged on its own merits. There are a lot that are not providing anything that is of use to schools.

"Industry has to talk more to education to ensure that it is providing what teachers want and need. Companies need to examine their motives more closely."

Turnbull's strictures leave Wyche unmoved. "We are into this because we want to help the education process," he says. "Of course, there is something in it for us - we would not be involved if there were not. But the benefits to us are far less important than those that we hope the children

Lessons in the true causes of truancy

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ruancy is all the fault of the schools, and of unimaginative, under-resourced and undervalued teachers. That, anyway, seemed to be the message of a recent BBC Panorama

programme on the subject.
Pupils are absenting themselves from school because they find it irrelevant and boring. Some, particularly in their final year, are selective truants, attending the lessons they like and skipping those they do not.
There is a good deal of

objective evidence to support the thesis that many postregistration truents (a category investigated by Patricia Stoll and Dennis O'Keefe in their thought-provoking Officially Present, published by the Institute of Economic Affairs) are delivering their verdicts on particular subjects and par-

ticular teachers: and there is sufficient personal dence to suggest that the teachers whose lessons most pupils are happy to miss are those unable or unwilling to exercise any control over their classes. Two decades ago.

I was being told by

youngsters return-

ed to school from

the local park that ing Mr C's maths lessons be- Doug McAvoy, general secreand nothing was learned. Mr C was firmly committed to the belief that he should be seen by the pupils as their friend.

his friends, and felt his pupils ancy as a stick with which to should enjoy the same privilege. His classes were considmore. Nobody skipped his

He had a brisk, no-nonsense approach, refusing to tolerate sloppy work and even relatively minor misbehaviour.

He had a brisk, no-nonsense have to carry them.
But is that, and to issue of an "irrelevatively minor misbehaviour." atively minor misbehaviour.

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"boring" curriculum, really
the full extent of the problem?

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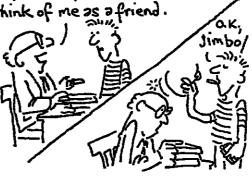
simply because

they really are boring

badly aimed blackboard rubber (Mr P was the most inept member of the staff cricket team) insisted that he had banged his head on the door. He was not a creep, and he was certainly not one of the best behaved or most academically promising boys in his class. But he liked Mr P and was tolerant of human frailty even in a teacher.

The latest report by Her Schools leaves no room for doubt that there are still too many Mr Cs in our schools for

No, not Sir, the name's Jim.... think of me as a friend.



there was no point in attend- anyone to be as complacent as cause everyone mucked about tary of the National Union of Teachers, who predictably blamed the whole problem of truancy on the Government. Schools are under-resourced; Mr P on the other hand meanwhile, right-wing reserved the right to choose educationalists are using tru-

erably larger because a num- trotted out, when an honest ber of pupils had succeeded in admission that there are inadobtaining a transfer from Mr equate and incompetent tea-C's classes. They would have chers would have carried far been larger still if his room more conviction, and might could have accommodated even have generated some sympathy for the long-suffering majority who believe they

> But is that, and the related issue of an "irrelevant" and

There is a category of teenager so feeble, feckless and self-pitying that nothing a school is prepared to offer will find favour. Turning it into an extended adventure play-ground, with added techno-logical gimmicks, may bring some of them in for a time, but will not retain their interest for long. They will soon find

that "boring" too.

For these, the problem is not the school or its curriculum but themselves. They project their inadequacies on to the school, as do many of their parents, but at heart they do not like themselves enough to be prepared to like their peers, and to share the pleasures, frustrations and bore-dom of school with them.

These pupils have either to Majesty's Inspectors of be coerced back by the threat, or implementation, of legal sanctions, or to be written off as a social bad debt. Making the parents solely

responsible wil not meet every sufficient number are beyond parental control. I have a good deal of sympathy for the magistrate in Leeds who was unapologetic about frightening these children back to school with the threat of putting them into care. As he point-

ed out, this was not a measure of first resort but came at the end of a long road.

For all but a fortunate few some part of school, often a large part, is going to be boring. So is much of their later lives, and they may as well get used to it. The purpose of schooling is not to entertain, but to instruct, and teachers are employed to educate, not to amuse.

Any sensible teacher will obviously present his subject as attractively as he can. But in the end some things have to be learned - whether they are found boring or not at the time - if youngsters are going to leave school even half equipped to cope with whatever comes next.

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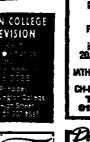
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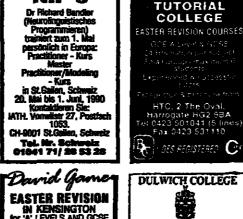
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Wales sees the future and it wears a Neath shirt

The legend on the sign behind the goalposts is old hat. "Neath, Wales's inture town," it proclaims. But the future is here. The town But the future is here. The town has already arrived. Its rugby club insists that it is so. Neath are playing the kind of rugby today that Wales are expected to play at some date beyond tomorrow.

Further, in the eyes of the rugby mut at The Gaoil, Neath, who can do no wrong, are a breed of superheroes and are masters of some kind of miverse.

There is, in their all-black kit, a

swaggering, muscled confidence which takes them into a strato-sphere where only Lianelli, from among the Welsh clubs, can give

poster boasts. "Neath is Industry. Neath is Development." But more, much more than this: Neath is Rugby. And they have done it their

At their disciplined best, they are irresistible. This week the whole of Wales has had to doll its cap to the pre-eminent place the club holds in Welsh rugby. It is not of that kind which Lisnelli or Cardiff has held in the past.

They, too, have had their pass-ng moments and their glittering prizes. But not in any sense during their many triamphs has Weish rugby been made to appear to go cap in hand, traipsing to their In a remarkable seven-day per-iod in their history, Neath have seen their manager, Ron Waldron, appointed as Welsh coach and expected to rekindle the dying bers of national hopes.

Like a dynamo, he arrived to choose a team whose character suggests only the shadowy presence of the other four selectors. Seven of his Neath players are in the team, two more on the replace-

And on Saturday, in difficult, blustery conditions, Neath, not even at their best, were still far too good for Cardiff in the quarter-final of the Schweppes Cup and beat them by two goals, a try and two penalties to two penalties.

competition, there is no opposition on this season's performance left to resist Neath's inexorable progress to the final and so win for the second successive year. They can only lose from their own mis-

It is difficult to conceive of any one cinb made to appar to exert so much influence at any time in the history of Weish rugby. Neath are stalking the corridors of power. It is an extraordinary influence.

Neath have never been so important in the development of the game since the gathering in 1881 in the Castle Hotel in the

Neath, a small town, has lived in

fally fledged city; or Llanelli, so worldly famous for its rugby. Even Port Talbot next door has its hage steelworks.

Neath has never had much to show for itself or to burst. Often overlooked, the M4 bypasses it, too. No one much likes a detour. These other places know it as deeply as Neath resent it. Feeling their own giamour, other clubs think they have more to offer.

No sooner, for instance, had Neath found a new prop, Brian Williams, in Pembrokeshire and had his first game for them - and he will earn his first Welsh cap on Saturday - than he received a phone call from someone close to Lianelli suggesting that, since he

passing Stradey on the way.
Why not stop there? Neath have always been expected to tolerate that players might bypass them in

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In seven days they have strutted out of the shade to find that it is others, not them, who are bending the knee. They ought to feel a lot better. The whole world has been forced at last to recognize them.

On Saturday, Cardiff, in winning the toss and taking the wind advantage in the first half, signed their own exit. David Evans's two penalties, which seemed the only way Cardiff would score, were interrupted by one from Thorburn.

Bateman's try, converted by

Cardiff were unlikely to recover. So it proved. In the second haif Neath were dominating what has meant to be the visitors' domain. the scrums. Thorburn extended the lead with another penalty and Rowland Phillips and Bateman scored the tries. Thorburn con-

verted one of these for a Neath

History forged by the fire of Steele at Northampton

Domination in every department won the day for North-

Not since the sides met at the same stage of the competition in 1978 has Franklins Gardens been so full for a club match, though it must be doubtful whether anybody in the capacity crowd of 4,000 had ever seen either Northampton play with such fire or so Northampton's passions

The lacklustre show by the more than his side deserved. side that lost in the final to Bath last year was the one disappointing aspect of the afternoon, though that must not distract from Northampton's rousing effort, especially as the first-division side started so well and seemed to have the game at their mercy

in the first 10 minutes. The rolling maul was effective immediately, and at set driving rain as well as the scrums, too, Northampton wind in his face, Steele applied more pressure by kicking his over a penalty goal within fifth successful penalty goal three minutes to claim the with 16 minutes left. initiative, but from the first of To round off his day, the

forward indiscretions, five second try, after 77 minutes, minutes later, Steele found the when Pask, the flanker, scamtarget for Northampton and their spirits rose.

Scrappy lineout ball for both sides gradually became better and better possession ampton on Saturday, the for Northampton, with second division league leaders Alston, the No. 8, and Hall, at battling their way into the lock, becoming more notice-semi-finals of the Pilkington able as the game progressed, Cup by two tries and five Cup by two tries and tree penalty goals to a penalty goal that the Leicester line needed to hold firm only until half-match, by their lofty East Midlands neighbours. threequarters with a stiff

breeze at their backs. And until two minutes from the interval that indeed was the case, Northampton unable to breach the defences as Leicester stood their ground. But as the half wound down, Leicester with such intensified and Steele's two further penalty goals were no

> Even so, a 9-3 deficit seemed no great problem for Leicester, but when Steele. with a fourth penalty goal, and Dyte, who burrowed his way through from a man five metres out, increased the gap to 16-3, signs of desperation started to appear. And still Northampton showed no signs of easing up for, with

pered across the field to join his threequarters from a fivemetre scrum on the right. And despite a consolation try for Evans in time added on, it was smiles all round as Northampton were in the semi-final of the national cup for the first

time in their history. The 16-point margin equalled Leicester's worst defeat in the cup - in 1974 before they began a run which took them to nine semi-finals in 12 seasons, while Northampton's performance personified the administrative revolution which has brought a new lease of life to Franklins

With Bath, Gloucester and Moseley also in the hat and a place at Twickenham at stake, it is unlikely that Northampton will get such an easy ride in the semi-final, but if they can maintain their mo-mentum a place in the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship is there for the taking. If Saturday's showing is the yardstick, they deserve each other.

SCORERS: Northamptor: Tries: Dyte, Stoole, Penalty goals: Stoole (5), Leicester: Try: Evans. Penalty goal: Liley, NORTHAMPTON: I Hunter; F Packman, J NORTHAMPTOR: (Hunter, F. Packman, J. Thame, D. Woodrow (1992) P. Moss), B. Ward; J. Steele, D. Elkington; V. Pocidington, D. Frankland, G. Pearce, T. Rodber, C. Nest, N. Dyle, P. Pask, P. Alston, LEICESTER: J. Liley: B. Evane, T. Buttimore, J. Betes, R. Lüdenvood; L. Coswooth, S. Kanney; S. Redfern, T. Tüscker, W. Richardson, J. Wells, A. Gissing, M. Poole, I. Smith, S. Povoes, Beteree: A. Trigg (London).

Gloucester depend on the sum of their parts

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

Simon Hodgkinson, the Not-tingham and England full back, put a finger as accurate as his own goal-locking on Glouces-ter's consistency: "They haven't got many internationals," he said, "but in every position they have a player respected by everyone else."

To be precise, they have two capped players and, of those, Preedy made his solitary Eng-Precey made his solitary England appearance six years ago. The other, Teague, is somewhat better known and it was the No. 8 who scored the try which gave Gloucester the lead for the first time at Beeston on Saturday and underlined the writing which had been on the wall from the moment the clubs were paired in the quarter-finals of the Pilkinston Chn.

the Pilkington Cup. Nottingham's pack is notori-ously fallible at the highest level and Gloucester's equally strong, the fact that Nottingham pos-sess three current international forwards and Gloucester only one emphasizes how much rugby is dependent on the sum of all the parts, especially on a day when a strong wind blowing straight down the pitch put a premium on control of the ball. Gloucester did just that, win-ning by two goals, two tries, a penalty goal and a dropped goal to a try and four penalties to

the competition began, The local guru described the wind as an 18-pointer and Nottingham, who had first use of it, led by only eight at the interval. That was thanks to Hodginson's spleadid kicking—four penalties from four attempts, two from around the

reach their sixth semi-final since



When a threequarter asks no quarter: Jones, who scored Nottingham's try, outflanks Gadd (right), the Gloucester forward

40-metre mark—but they had to make more of the ball in the hand and they could not.

Gloucester could: Hamiin gave up kicking into the breeze rand had it to Hamiling and passing had been because the line out. If they had been had been because the line out. gave up kicking into the breeze and left it to Hannaford and his forwards to man! their way upfield, though the try scored by Dunn from a tapped penalty, which made the half-time score 12-4, was a bonns.

and the scrum half's inside pass to Teague finally broke the Even then, Nottingham's in-ability to make the first tackle count was an evil omen. In the second half the home side could

began his run-up, the wind blew the ball over, so Smith, reacting broke down. Morgan, on a short-side scissors with Hanna-

unusual sight of Tim Smith converting with a dropped goal: the full back placed the ball for a

conventional kick but, after he Gloucester's place in today's began his run-up, the wind blew the ball over, so Smith, reacting with commendable speed, snatched it up, retreated two paces and successfully dropped for goal.

Hamlin caught the habit, too, before Mogg scythed through on to Hamnaford's flat run from a scrum, leaving time only for a defiant Nottingham gesture, a try from Jones, made by Hartley's strength in stepping out of a tackle. By then, though,

Moseley look distinguished Swansea reap the wild wind Villagers tumble

By Michael Stevenson

Bristol. In a pulsating Pilkington Cup quarter-final at The Reddings, that could hardly have been bettered for drama and enterminment value, Moseley, having led 9-3 at the interval, ated the favourites, Bristol, by a goal and three penalties to a goal, a try, and a penalty.

It was typical of a hard but scrupulously clean game that Andy Dun, the Bristol captain, brought his side back on to the field after the final whistle, to applaud the crowd and more especially the Bristol supporters. It was a lovely gesture that rounded off a distinguished match. -

It is not to designate a spirited performance from Moseley to suggest that Bristol should have won. Trailing by those two points, they squandered several clear-out scoring chances and in injury time Knibbs broke and minutes into the second half.

James. Trackle by tackled by two Moseley mentine ball squirted in field, bounced kindly for the fleet-Hindsight suggests that Bris-

tol played it rather too tight when facing the first-balf gale. It is so much harder to pass precisely with the wind behind that a more adventurous approach could have paid dividends. As it was, the admirable Eves, who had a great game, and Dun stood off from almost every set piece and drove into the Moseley pack. Bristol's support play was a wonder but no points resulted.

Clearly Bristol were bent on a holding operation and a victory in the second half. Arntzen kicked three penalties from five chances and Painter made it 9-3 the interval. But Moseley's running and handling, especially by Boyle, early in the second half, sowed the seeds of doubt and by the time Bristol were firing on all cylinders, time was running

footed Wheatley and he col-lected and hared in with the pack of pursuers baying fine-tratedly in his wake. Arntzen converted and fatalism had given way to optimism among

the home supporters. Immediately, it seemed, the game was wide open again.
Davis touched down a pushover try and when Hull looped
round Knibbs, took his pass and broke to put in Thomas, Painter's conversion meant that there were only a couple of points in it. Cool heads and legical options would have seen Bristol home, but cup games are not like that like that.

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By Bryan Stiles Swansea.

Newport .. Newport's hopes of plundering some cup booty to enhance a much improved season were shipwrecked on the Swansea rocks by a howling gale on Saturday. Swansea's defences were much bloowell prepared and allowed Newport only fleeting hopes of success.

Swansea have had plenty of
practice at using the high winds
that whip in over Mumbles
Head, and they must have

known victory was in the bag when they restricted Newport to a 10-3 lead at the interval. With the ever-strengthening wind in the second half, they knew that all they had to do was let Clement and Wyatt boot the ball high and let it sail down the ball high and let it sail down the wind into the Newport 22. It was a ploy that worked splendidly and brought a victory by two goals, a try and four penalties to two tries, a dropped goal and a penalty that sent them into the semi-final of the Schweppes Welsh Cup

ground by kicking and having to fight for every inch of turf with fierce forward rushes after the interval, it must have been heart-breaking for their pack to see just one long touch kick undo all their back-breaking work. But Newport Inew what work. But Newport knew what was required when they had wind advantage. Unfortunately, Abraham missed with three out of his four attempts at goal in the first half and, despite fine touch-finding by Turner, they managed to puncture a resolute defence for only one try.

Swansea thought the main threat in the lineout would be posed by Waters, the lofty

posed by Waters, the lofty former Wales lock. But while they concentrated on him, his second-row partner, Churchill, frequently sneaked off with the ball in the first half. Just when Swansea thought they had that ploy worked out. Waters nipped through a lineout to steal a ball they had won near their own line to score a try early in the second half.

It was a try which gave a transitory belief that they could still win the game. Newport had led at the interval through a try

WEEKEND RESULTS

With Newport unable to gain by Callard, a dropped goal from round by kicking and having to ght for every inch of turf with lerce forward rushes after the penalty but came into his element in the second half converting two tries and collecting three more penalties to bring his points tally to 16.

Swansea's three tries came from members of the pack, the most popular being the one secured by their prop, Buckett, who dived over after a good break by Parfitt, giving Swansea the lead for the first time at 17-

Arnold's try was a peach. He plucked the ball out of the air plucked the ball out of the air two-handed at a lineout and sprinted over from 15 metres. Reynolds picked up the final try after a fine surge by the pack.

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to Bridgend might Davies at a scrum and Bryant

Bridgend Tumble Quicker and more positive behind the scrum, Bridgend took their place in the semi-finals of the Schweppes Welsh Cup with this win over Tumble, the last villes only in the companion. village club in the competition, at the Brewery Field on Sat-urday. They scored four goals, a

try and a penalty goal to a try, settling the match with 16 points in seven minutes either side of As expected, the Tumble forwards played well, compact in the scrums and strong in the rucks, with Edwards foraging

wards played well, compact in the scrums and strong in the scrums and strong in the nucks, with Edwards foraging hard in the open.

The villagers spent most of the opening 40 minutes advancing, but Bridgend absorbed the pressure and, when the chances came, took them.

Evans showed them how it could be done, running and swerving 60 metres for Bridgend's first try. Just before

Wellams (rep. J. Berington), N Spender, D Bryant, O Williams, M Williams (rep. Ewster), M Williams (rep. Ewster), M Williams (rep. Ewster), M Williams (rep. Ewster), M Williams, M Davies, A Davies, K Edwards, M Williams, M Davies, G Davies, K Edwards, P Williams, M Davies, C Davies, M Davies, C Davies, K Edwards, P Williams, M Davies, C Davies, M Davies, C Davie

and Apsee combined for another try by Evans. From the restart Aled Williams put Kawulok over, and when Spender brushed aside some weak tackling to score early in the second half, Bridgend were out of harms way. Tumble once walked the

Bridgend scrum back 20 metres, besides taking the only heel against the head, and Price touched down from a lineout. But Parry, who has scored more than 300 points for Bridgend this season, kicked a penalty and Webbe ran clear for the fifth try.

Inspired Aberavon set troubles behind them

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By a Special Correspondent
Pontypool stand-off half, Egan, failed to disrupt Aberavon's Aberavon18

Pontypool.... Aberavon, whose torrid recent history had condemned them to being pre-match no-hopers, find emselves on the brink of a cup final appearance.

The architect of their revival, the coach, Max Wiltshire, has

said that his new-look side fears no one. By facing Bridgend and avoiding deadly rivals and neighbours, Neath, in the semineighbours, Nezur, in the Stadium beckons.

Twice Abersyon came from behind to reduce the once mighty Pontypool juggernant to a shambles. While Pontypool were static, Aberavon were were static, Aberavon were
thrustful, scavenging the loose
ball and contemptuously
dismissing the Gwent side's
legendary scrummaging power
as Phil Hamley, the No. 8, led
the rampage.

Even an early try by the

played there last year, but then it was geographically useful to do so. All four remaining clubs are west of Cardiff but Bridgend and

Swansea, who were heavily beaten at home by Neath a formight ago, have been drawn against the Schweppes Welsh Cup holders in the semi-finals (Owen Jenkins writes). Bridgend and Aberavon make up the other pairing. The matches will be played at new

rhythm. A touchdown in the corner by Ruddall and another try after clever pillaging by Jardine gave them an 11-9 Silva kept Pontypool's hopes alive with a penalty which briefly snatched the lead early in the second half, but an injury to Bidgood robbed them of their midfield general. The Aberavon stand-off half. Forester, completed Ponty-pool's misery with his second penalty before plundering an inspirational try in injury time.

SCOWERS: Absurver: Tries: Ruddell, Jardine, Forrester. Penalty goals: Forrester (2). Pontypool: Try: Sgan. Conversion: Sive. Penalty goals: Sive 23.
ABERAVON: L Lewis: P Ruddell, K George, J Jardine, G Wilkins; N Forrester, R Glies; M Thomas, D Williams, A Woodward, M Tobin, I Spender, J Jen-lins, P Hamley, G Evans (rep: W Matthews).

Swansea draw holders

matches will be played at neu-tral venues on April 7. But the cup competition chairman, John Powell, said: "We would like to carry out the experiment like to carry out the experiment Llanelli were scheduled to play of last season and play one of the Aberavon away on that day. matches at the National Llancili and Newbridge

Aberavon, both being closer than Nexth and Swansea, could play there this season — al-DRAW: Gridgend v Aberrayon; Swanssa v Neeth. Ties to be played on Saturday, April 7:

with men outside him, went for Bristol opened up on the home the line to be demolished by a 10-metre line. Thillet was Richmond given rude awakening by Bath

By Peter Bills

Richmond..... Whoever comes out of the semifinal draw for the Pilkington Cup alongside Bath, the holders and double champions, at noon today, is entitled to suspect that extinction is near. Bath, as Richmond painfully discovered before a large crowd at the Athletic Ground are in rude

The two tries Guscott scored with a silky exhibition of his sinuous running skills, the con-stant battering inflicted on the Richmond defence by the Bath back-row men and Hill and even the excellent lineout work of Redman paled into insignifi-cance beside the most stunning memory of the afternoon-

That was the sound of Bath's players "slagging each other off," as one player put it, about the unforced errors and simple mistakes the champions had made. Any side which wins a cup quarter-final away from home by six tries to nil and then picks its performance to pieces
- as Bath did on Saturday evening— is unusual to say the least. But such practicality, may brutal honesty, has long been the hallmark of the West Coun-

The impartial observer was the with a forceful reminder of where this season's honours are likely to go. The England B coach, Dick Best, who saw this victory by four goals, two tries and a penalty goal to a solitary penalty goal was in no doubt of "They are an awesome side and seem bound to win it. Only Gloucester on a very good day can even think of matching them. They are superb in almost every respect," he said.

Yet Bath were so highly self-critical because they felt they had played in the groove only for the last hour. It did take them 25 minutes to make their first score and in that time Richmond were able to compete almost equally as the Bath motor coughed only slowly into life. But a half-time lead of 10-3 was the launching pad for was the launching pad for second-half control. Even then some scores were

lost through uncharacteristically shaky handling and an occa-sional lack of concentration. But the desire to achieve perfection is frightening. Thirty-five points no more sated Bath's players than 34 satisfied England last week. Both recognized there was room for improvement in their displays and only the best teams acknowledge and stress that factor rather than emphasizing

the scores they did make.

After Livesey's early penalty
Blackett and Hill scored before
half-time with more tries coming from Hall, Guscott (2) and
Swift. Barnes converted four and landed a penalty.

and landed a penalty.

SCORERS: Richmond: Penalty goal:
Livesey, Bath: These Guecott (2), Blacken,
Hill, Hell, Swift. Conversions: Burnes (4).
Penalty goals: Barnes.
RiChillotth: W Waghorn: J Fellon, M
Evans, R Rydon (rep: M Radford), R
Fonds: M Livesey, M Hancock; M
Yeldham, H Roberts, P Guttridge, H Lamb
(rep: D Sole), J Fowler, G Jeaprizza, E
Saunders, T Griffin.
BATH: J Callard; A Swift, S Halldley, J
Guscott, P Blackett; S Barnes, R Hill; G
Chilcott, G Dawie, R Lee, A Robinson, N
Redman, D Gronin, J Hell, D Eperson.
Redware A Turner (Manchester).



Mehvitle FP v Metrose; Stiffing County v West of Scotland.

Second division: Constorphine 29, Glasgow Academicals 0; Ednburgh Wanderes 0; Kingdow Academicals 0; Ednburgh Wanderes 0; Kingdow Academicals 0; Ednburgh 9; Currie 14, Thied division: Dunder 15P 48, Haddington 7; Highland 12, Mcgran Academy FP 6; House of Flie 5, Wightenesthe 7; Portable FP 12, Thiely Acade 12; Foteth division: Contribution 59, Greenock Wanderes 8; Paissy 16, St Boseells 30; Penicula 10, Alona 0; Perinshire 18, Carobusing 3, Fifth division: Abertisen University 0, Adrossen Acade 15; Hillinoto 14, Dunder 0; Letzle 0; Abertisenshire 0; Littmore 16, Broughton FP 0; Moray 0, Vizyudians 29, Sich diesistore Carroustie HSP 13, Harris Acade FP 12; Cumbermand 0, Stewartry 3; Eartston 28, Chydobank 3; Marris 10, St. Andrews University 16; Mentrose 9, Pennure 8, North Bervick 32, Oth Abysians 0; Vizikarum 13, Drumpsiller 12, Seventh division: Datastin 10, Custnoch 0; Durs 12, Rosyth and District 0; Germoch 15, Gerfoch 12; Indivis 21, Forester FP 3; Lastende 12, Stempe 0; Strathmore 11, St Boseells FP 9,

COURAGE CLIES CHAMPIONSHIP Londor: First division: Cheetunt 7, Ruinito 3; Lewis 8, North Weisham 13; Old Mayntains 38, Old Gaytonians 12; Sidon 11; Sojon and Epson 3; US Portanouth 3; Easing 37; Secend division sorth; Baridag 20, Norwich 17; Sikhoo's Stortford 15; Igsaich 15; Grasshoppers 31, Tharock 15; Old Abanians 8, Elon Manor 15; Old T 10, Woodford 10. Bishop's Stortford 15, Igawich 15; Grass-hoppers 31, Thushock 15; Old Till, Woodford 10.

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Zestend 6; Staines 14, Lenbury 4; Sudbury
Court 13, Hamostas 6; Ubbridge 13, Harrow
8, Second division: Hackney 38, Old Haberdesters 14; Orieans FP 13, Barches Bank
3; Old Grammarium 10, Haringay 0, Summy:
First division: John Fisher OB 7, Marion 12;
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Selectors complicate issue for leading world title prospects

By David Powell, Athletics Corresponden

The waiting game which Rich- But a third line of argument Staines have any intention of ard Neturkar chose not to play found favour with the selecduring the Provincial In- tors: make everybody sweat it surance English men's nat- out Staines, though, has been ional cross country cham- excused, it would seem. Fourpionship at Roundhay Park, teenth in the world champ-Leeds, on Saturday was there ionship last year, he has to greet him at the finish. apparently been spared the Neturkar, who broke away ordeal. Late returning from just after halfway, had been the Commonwealth Games, advised that a win in the big staying on in the Antipodes to event on the clubman's annual calendar would assure him of to Hutchings, been told he is a place in the world champpicked. "I would have ionship; the British team thought, of Eamonn, myself selectors soon made it clear it and Gary, he is the least had not. deserving," Hutchings said. had not.

Simple Minds performed in keeping in the dark the athletes who have every chance of Aix-les-Bains, France, on March 24; but, it was said, no stood." pre-selections would be

The options ought to have been: should Tim Hutchings, Famonn Martin and Gary Staines be named now as the three discretionary world championship selections to undecided a fortnight ago join the first six placegetters in the trial in Glasgow on March coach, Bruce Tulloh, the for-11, who gain automatic selector mer European 5,000 metres tion, or should Nerurkar's champion, convinced him. outstanding winter, in which "Bruce said that if I ran well in he has also won the EuroCross the national - meaning first or series against European oppo- . second - I wouldn't need to sition, earn him pre-selection run Glasgow; the priority has with Hutchings and Martin, always been to make sure I the obvious choices, and was in Aix-les-Bains,' Staines be made to run in the Nerurkar said.

get married, he has, according

Neither Hutchings, the the park not so long ago and, world championship runner-on the issue of world champ-ionship selection, there were a Commonwealth 10,000 mefew at work in the aftermath of tres champion, have received Nerurkar's win. There was any such indication, and nothing to be gained from Hutchings added: "The logical thing would have been to tell the three of us at the start of winning the title for Britain in the season that we were in, so the others knew where they

Nerurkar, certainly, would have benefited from that. The proximity in the calendar of the national, the trial and the world championship discourage athletes from contesting all three, and Nerurkar was whether to run in Leeds. His mer European 5,000 metres

Since neither Martin nor

Britain waiting on sprint champions By David Powell

Britain have delayed until to-morrow the naming of their final e-up for the European indoor championships at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, next weekend in the hope that their two champion sprinters from the Christie and Marcus Adam, will take up their places. Both Christie, the Common-

wealth 100 metres champion, and Adam, the 200 metres gold aedal winner, have been na for the 60 metres and 200 metres. But Christie, who said ld not ran all five events on the domestic indoor programme, is thought to have chosen the national championships, on March 9 and 10, and Britain's march United States and the Soviet contest the 800 metres, the Union, on March 18, both at distance at which he is the Cosford, ahead of the European Olympic champion, on their

hamstring and is doubtful.

Adam beat Christie over 200 metres in the Dairy Crest Games victory over East Ger-many at the Kelvin Hall on Friday. Peter Elliott defeated Jens-Peter Herold, the Olympic etres in the Dairy Crest bronze medal winner in the 1,500 metres, and did so again on Saturday in Stockholm, al-though he finished a long way outside the world record time

that Elliott had said was being set up for him. Elliott recorded 3min 44.94sec before moving on to Seville for his last indoor race of the season tomorrow. Mean-while Pearl Assurance, who appearing in the trial, Nerurkar must now wait on Hutchings's decision. Hutchings wants the race, but a sore throat has interrupted his training. He said that because the trial causes a week's interference with training, he may need the time to catch up on lost mileage. Only if he runs it can Nerurkar safely

Nerurkar speaks two foreign languages, German and Russian, has a British mother, an Indian father, and has spent the best part of the last two years in the United States. So where did he go for his winter training? Kenya, of course. "It was a great boost to training; three weeks was probably a little too short to get the full benefit from altitude, but it helped," Nerurkar said.

A graduate of Oxford and Harvard, he was in the Soviet Union on his language course at the time of Chernobyl.

At Harvard, Nerurkar studied international politics. Another Seb Coe? No, a language teacher now, he wants to go into business. He does have designs on an international track career, though. He narrowly missed out on the last Olympics and Commonwealth Games. The evidence on Saturday was that he will miss out again when the European championships come round this summer.

come round this summer.
RESULTS: English Cross Country.
Chemplosether Senior (150m): 1, R
Neruriar (Birgley), 44min 56sec; 2, P
Taylor (Copetand), 45:23; 3, S Turnstal
(Preston), 45:24; 4, Forster (valid), 45:49;
5, G Turnbull (valid), 48:00; 6, A Carey
(Warmington), 48:02. Teams: 1, Valid
(Tynesids), 200 pts; 2, Tipton, 205; 3,
Coventry Godina, 42:1. Junior men (10km):
1, S Duval (Cannock and Stafford), 32min
19sec; 2, S Brooks (Bingley), 32:23; 3, J
Mayock (Rockingham), 32:18, Team: 1,
Cressur-te-Sereet, 190 pts. Youtha (7km):
1, C Rees (Bewick), 22min 50sec; 2, D
Thompson (Others and Royton), 22:54; 3, K
Toher (Newquey and Par), 22:53. Team:
Sele, 178 pts.

Peter McColgan, who turned 27 last Tuesday, had further reason to celebrate at Irvine on Saturday when he added the Scottish cross country title to the Northern Ireland title he won at Lurgan the previous Saturday.

Winning the Scottish event in its centenary season, as well as his own national title, ensures that the Dundee Hawkhill harrier will not just be remembered as the husband of Liz McColgan, who retained her Commonwealth 10,000 metres title in Auckland earlier in the month.

RESULTS: Senior (7.5 miles): 1, P McColgan (Dundee Hawichill H), 42min 58ec; 2, N Temment (ESH), 43-22; 3, R Julin (Ribarchan AC), 43-26, Teams, 1, Lambustang Harriers, 126 pts; 2, Edinburgh Southern H, 159 pts; 3, Dundee Hawkhill H, 183 pts. Jamber 1, M Campbell (Clydebark AC). Youth: 1, M McBeth (Cambustang H).

Zimbabwe batting Overall, though, this was an outstanding

achievement by an inexperi-enced team who have shown

ereat character in overcoming

early health setbacks as they

have become acclimatized to

Houghton, usually a forceful driver and hooker, hit only seven fours and seemed

resigned to take practice as his team failed around him. He was

caught behind trying to book in the last over. Otherwise the

Zimbabwe batting was inept with Brandes, who helped to add 86 in 15 overs for the

seventh wicket giving Houghton

After England were put in on a sluggish pitch, which was still drying out, Thorpe drove fiercely to lead the final charge as 96 were added during the closing 10 overs, despite a slow outfield. Bicknell, with some graceful driving made with a

graceful driving, made with a full swing of the bat, and Blakey.

with a sure touch for finding the gaps, also batted with distinc-tion. They added 82 in 21 overs

for the second wicket before

Thorpe reached his 50 from 34

On Saturday, the English side

completed a straightforward win in the first match, which never

set the pulse racing after first Zimbabwe's batting failed, and

then a thunderstorm intervened

between the innings. England won on faster scoring rate after their target was reduced to 118

in 44 overs. The Zimbabwe

innings never recovered from the moment when leglesden took three wickers in his fifth

his only support.

testing heat and humidity.

YACHTING

from Punta

del Este

By Malcolm McKeag

As Tracy Edwards and her all-women crew yesterday rounded Cape. Horn to add yet another

entry in yacht racing's record

books under M for Maiden

(first-ever all-women crew to

expected to arrive sometime

tround midday or later more

horizon: unless something goes

familiar: Rothman's, of Britain, leading Merit, of Switzerland,

by almost 30 miles. These two have vied for third place on each

leg since the fleet last raced into

The best day's run was re-ported by the last boat in the

fleet, Rucanor Sport, from Bel-gium, trailing the others by

sum, traiting the others by 1,500 miles and still approaching Cape Horn having been forced to return to New Zealand early in the leg after colliding with a whale. Running before 50-knot winds, Rucanor covered 276 miles, noon-to-

DOGI.

LATEST POSITIONS (compiled yesterday at 1618 GMT, with miles to Pursa del Este, Uruguay): Bland division: 1, Staintager 2 (P Blatch, N.2), 413; 2, Fisher & Phylod (G Dalton, N.2), 423; 3, Rodmans (L Smith, GB), 509; 4, Merit: (P Feitrnesm, Switz), 538; 5, Martiska OF (M Wilsten, Fn), 551; 7, Charles Jourdan (A Gabbay, Fr), 649; 8, The Card (R Nilsen, Swe), 703; 9, NCB Ireland; J. English, Ne), 704; 10, Gabrisot (G Falck, II), 723; 12, British Satzuota Defender (Cdr C Wettiers, GB), 732; 13, Fortuna Extra Lights (J Samont Finland) (H Hardimo, Finl, 723; 12, British Satzuota Defender (Cdr C Wettiers, GB), 732; 13, Fortuna Extra Lights (J Samont, So), 760; 14, Faziel (S Novek; USSP), 774; 15, Liverpool Enterprise (B Salmon, GB), 919. Division 2: Equity & Liw (D Nasta, Neith), 1,114. Division 3: 1 L'Esprit de Liberté (P Tabarly, Fr), 1,396; 2, Madden (T Edwards, GB), 1,395; 3, Cruiser Division: 1, Creigitton's Naturally (J Chittenden, GB), 1,004; 2, With Integrity (A Coghill, GB), 1,191.

PREMANTLE: Chris Dickson, of New Zealand, the world match-racing cham-pion, defeated Gordon Lucas, of Austra-lia, 2-1 in the lines series to win the Microsia Justicia Company of the series and a

off Fremente yesterday
RESULTS: Final series: C Dickson (NZ) bt
G Lucas (Aus), 2-1; M Namba (Japan) bt P
Gilmour (Aus), 2-1; Final positions: 1,
Dickson; 2, Lucas; 3, Namba; 4, Gilmour.

rime is another matter.

POINT-TO-POINT: SPARTAN LEMON QUALIFIES AGAIN FOR TIMES FINAL Quick Fling makes fitness tell Leaders a day away

By Brian Beel

Spartan Lemon, favourite to Championship final at Towcester, is again eligible to run this season after finishing runner-up in one of the three

The horse who beat him, Quick Fling, had the benefit of an outing a fortnight ago, trailing the field at Kingston Blount before being pulled up in a race in which Tim Jones rode the winner, Matsix.

round The Horn), the Whitbread race leaders were fast closing on Punta del Este, Uruguay, and the finish of leg four. The first seven boats are all expected to accurate the seventime. Saturday at the Vale of Clettwr and connections appeared to



have every confidence as Quick Fling was heavily backed to joint favouritism.

ing allowance for probable changes in weather as the yachts near the coast, makes an arrival Always up with the pace, he took the lead at the fourteenth. David Jones made his challenge on Spartan Lemon two out but was soon shaken off and there likely.
What seems less in doubt is which yacht will be first over the was a gap of seven lengths between them at the post.

badly wrong it will yet again be Peter Blake's red-hulled ketch Earlier in the afternoon in the open, Matsix looked to be coming to win his second race with three to jump but the long-time leader Timber Tool, under Tim Rooney, came back at him and ment on again to lead by five Steinlager 2. Last night Blake had pulled out a lead of ten miles on his compatriot, Grant Dalton, in Fisher & Paykel. Eighty miles behind these two, the pattern is no less and went on again to lead by five lengths at the line.

In winning Rooney was completing a double having been successful on Avenue Royal in the maiden. However, reg since the nect last raced into Punta, last September.

Now past the Falkland Islands and racing some 120 miles off the coast of Argentina, the leaders yesterday had modest easterly winds of 15 knots, giving perfect reaching conditions for the ketches.

The hest day's run was rethe treble eluded him when Reay Royal fell at the last when well beaten at the time by the former Jenny Pitman-trained novice chaser Vivaque, ridden

Another from Jenny Pitman's stable, Lucky Trout, purchased by Mike Northall as a four-yearold, came out to win the first division of The Times qualifier

Member; 3, Churchmere, 12 ran.

BOLVENTOR (Lemeia): Adj: 1, Pardis Gift

() Widdicombe); 2, Oriental Plume; 3,
Milistreak, 16 ran. Midn I: 1, Cordigia (P Scofield); 2, Farmer's Gamble; 3, Come
On Valley, 12 ran. Bidn II: 1, Tempus Past
(R Darke); 2, Richard's Hill; 3, Free Hill
Boy, 12 ran. Ladjea; 1, For A Lark (Miss A
Turner); 2, Mrs Giddy; 3, Lydacott Moon, 7
ran. Open: 1, Dicky Blob (Miss Schufield);
2, Buck's Milit; 3, Isle Ornsay, 13 ran. Rest

E 1, Sugar Hell (T Greed); 2, Champagne
Ber; 3, Galaxy imp. 7 ran. Hest II: 1,
Progressive (Miss L Blackdord); 2, Picks

Results from Saturday's nine meetings

Having won a decent maiden race at Upper Sapey last season, he was well supported in the market, as was Shieldaig and it

was these two that were con-

Alistair Ulyet took up the

at the thirteenth and was

Be (Niss S Sharatt): 2, Holy Foley: 3, Seyers Son. 10 ran. Rest: 1, Wrekin Lad (J Pickering): 2, Wedding Song; 3, Charle Magole. 19 ran. Man I: 1, Marbury Water (J Wilson): 2, Rouse About; 3, Berlein, 12 ran. Man II: 1, Dun Charmer (D Barlow): 2, Charlestown George. 12 ran. only hum fin. Charlestown George. 12 ran only two fin.

MENONP FARMERS (Nedge): Hunt: 1, Lest
Extravagance (D. Harvey); 2. Aldington
Manor; 3, Double Set. 10 ran. Reast 1: 1,
Proddy Freckles (Miss J. Southcombe); 2.

Air Trust; 3, Medwey Boy, 17 ran. Reast 1: 1,
Cornate (J. Farthing); 2. Master Tussday; 3 Mendip Music, 16 ran. Ladies: 1,
Kruttar (Mrs. R. Vickery); 2. Pastoral Pride:
3, Worth Marravers. 9 ran. Open: 1, Royal
Busicins (J. Spraka); 2. Pepe Buse; 3,
Music Minstral. 16 ran. Adj: 1, Elver
Season (R. Albert; 2. Freeze Frame; 3,
Soutish Sound, 18 ran. Meln J. Pt. 1,
Ascartainnor (A. Wardell); 2. Chocotate
Blanc; 3, Dark Come. 11 ran. Meln J. Pt. 11,
Summers Pright (R. Albert; 2. Jimmy Cone;
3, Käton Park (17 ran);
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NORTH HEREFORD (Newtown): Hunt: 1, He Should (J. Llewellyn): 2, Ben Lair; 3, Mester Don. 18 ran. Adj I. 1, Oulck Trop (Miss F Sadler): 2, Dinghat: 3, Cape Cottage. Adj N: 1. Another Orbit (J Hay): 2,

Higham Hill; 3, Retholff. 12 ran. Open I: 1, Dromakelly Lad (J. Princhard); 2, Karannsu; 3, Harvest Fortune. 12 ran. Ladies: 1. Mendip Express (Miss A Dare); 2, Ebony Hill; 3, Coughtan's Course. 18 ran. Titees Rest I: Lincky Trout (A Ulyet); 2, Shieldeig; 3, Craig Lass. 13 ran. India I: 1, Tsagairt Partisite (Miss S Sadier); 2, Finbarr; 3, Anothia (Miss S Sadier); 2, Finbarr; 3, Anothia (A Elliott); 2, Bright Tiger; 3, Green Secret. 12 ran. Titees Rest II: 1, Space Prince (A Hambly); 2, Ivy Royat; 3, Jets.

Space Prince (Al Hambly, right) challenged at the last by the grey Ivy Royal (Mike Harris)

pefore going on to prevail by a length in an exciting finish to the second division of The

Times Championship qualifier at the North Hereford point-to-point meeting at Newtown

Kim Stephenson on Shieldaig, but this one was always second

Richard Lee's assistant Al

Hambly has raced under Rules

but had his first ride in a point-

to-point at the Erw Lon course

and took the second division of The Times qualifier on Space

ran.

NORTH NORFOLK (Higham): Hamt I: 1, Gold Valley (0 Vaughan-Jones): 2, Kiruddery; 3, Owen Snerry, 4 ran, Bildn I: 1, Prince Nepal (W Wates): 2, Baltazzi; 3, Masster Stride, 12 ran, Bildn II: 1, Surry Soreli (0 Vaughan-Jones); 2, Hinton Balm, 12 ran only 2 fin Open: 1, Hows Torry (N Bitcom); 2, Ritusted; 3, Wise Gamble, 13 ran, Agi; 1, Deer Crast (W Wales); 2, Midsummer Gladness; 3, One For Mammy, 19 ran, Ladles: 1, Fort 1 kBi (Miss T Braceguride); 2, Can't Catch Me; 3, Noan Wood, PPQA I: 1, Dicey Time (S Cowell; 2, Defloreur; 3, Border Kelly, 12 ran, PPQA II: 1, Shake The King (N Bidom); 2, Else a Image; 3, Weishman's Quily, 11 ran.

SINNNGTON (Duncombe Park) Hust: 1, Courageous Owl (C Muegrave); 2, Botany Blade; 3, Krypton. 5 ran. Adj. 1, Glerikochen (D Kinsella); 2, Ingleby Imp: 3, Lord Purna. 13 ran. Rest: 1, Tancred Way

(R Stield): 2, Thursday Man; 3, Ellerton Hill. Land Raver Oper: 1, Bally Way (N Tuthy): 2, Polygonum; 3, Dalton Dandy, 18 ran. Ladlee: 1, Rosto Boy (Mrs. J. Dawson); 2, Yaliskari; 3, Barrgenima, 10 ran. Mdn t: 1, Korinsaki (H Brown); 2, Scalby Anna; 3, Wild Child. 18 ran. Mdn th. Abandoned owing to hallstorm.

pursued by Mike Harris on Ivy Royal and though only a length

separated them at the finish the

second horse always looked to

The successful owner, Roger

Phillips, who won the Lady Dudley Cup four years ago with

be held.

Frince. Prince next in a novice hunter chase at Leicester next Monday.

CRICKET: HOUGHTON'S INNINGS IS ONE OF FEW BRIGHT SPOTS FOR ZIMBABWE AS THEY FALL SHORT OF EXPECTATIONS

England A reward Dexter with near-faultless display

From Richard Streeton, Harare

mittee chairman, had been a factor to lift their play, Nicholas said: "You must remember that this young side of newcomers control against the front rank England A expected from Zim-babwe this weekend, the touring team clinched the one-day series with comfortable wins yesterday and on Saturday. Zimbabwe failed to play to their potential by some distance in both 50-over matches. Their only consolation was that David Houghton, their captain, made 88 in the second game, the highest score in either match. England A, using three spin bowlers on a slow pitch, won by of 1 runs yesterday. They restricted their opponents to 184-8; having set them a target of 246. By the 32nd over Zimbabwe were 84-6 and the match was finished as a contest. Dexter's presence here con-firmed for them the importance of this tour."

Dexter disclosed on Saturday The third one-day international at Bulawayo on March 18, has

become academic and Zim-babwe, who hitherto have stayed faithful to the old guard, seem certain to make changes. Mark Nicholas, the English captain, said afterwards he had respected Zimbabwe's record in the limited overs game, as ICC Trophy winners, their showing in world cups, and against numerous touring sides to this country. "Now we did not let

them play at all. Apart from a run-out and a dropped catch, we run-out and a dropped catch, we were faultless the whole Asked whether the presence of Ted Dexter, the England com-

desire to do well. They were aware that English cricket recently has been killed off day after day by the public and the media and I am not sure that our county cricket is that bad. The team, from the first moment we got together to practice at Lilleshall, were enormously determined and Ted

that the Test and County Cricket Board at their spring meeting on March 6 to 7 are deciding whether to arrange another tour for the players of the future, next winter. The benefits that have clearly ac-crued already for Nicholas's side seem likely to sway the voting in

Nicholas was disappointed that the England team had failed to make a clean sweep of the man-of-the-match prizes. Barry Duddleston, the English umpire and the Zimbabwean coach, acted as the adjudicator and gave the batting award to Houghton, the bowling prize to Atherton and the fielding award to Shah. Atherton's controlled leg spin

†S J Rhodes, R K Wingworth, J A Afford

Total (5 wids, 50 overs)

ONE-DAY SCOREBOARDS

M Robertson of Pringle bilgglesden ... 7
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Flower Ibw bilgglesden ... 0
J. Pycrot of Wicholas bilgglesden ... 0
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Floughton of Watten b Atherton ... 20 Extres (B) 3, w 5, nb 5) Total (6 wkts, 50 overs) _____ 134 A J Traicos, K G Dugrs and M P Jarvis did

FALL: OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-19, 3-21, 4-27, 5-57, 6-78. 27, 5-01, 6-76. BOWLING: ligiteden 10-2-39-3: Pringle 10-1-26-0; Waltin 10-2-26-1; Afford 10-4-16-1; Atherson 10-2-24-1.

ENGLAND A
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BOWLING: Brandes 6.5-0-24-0; Jervis 7-3-13-0; Duers 10-2-25-2; Traicos 10-0-28-0; Brant 8-1-23-1.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-130, 3-189, 4-187, 5-220. BOWLING: Brands 7-1-36-0; Duers 9-2-38-0; All Shah 10-0-47-0; Coghlan 8-0-42-2; Traccs 10-1-37-1; Butchart 6-0-43-2 ZIMBABWE

BOWLING: Pringle 10-1-42-1; Igglesden 10-1-37-2; Ringworth 10-2-38-1; Atherton 10-0-23-3; Atherton 10-0-23

l'otal (6 wids, 50 overs) : G Duers did not bat.

The Oldham rugby league wing, Kevin Meadows, the former St Helens and Warrington player, has joined Trafford Borough on a month's loan with a view to a Garside pulls out Dave Garside, the cruiserweight from Hartlepool, has pulled out

of a non-title bout against the

European champion, Anaciet

Wamba, in Paris on March 10,

e a heavy cold

Meadows loan

India may be set impossible target

decisive third and final Test match at Eden Park.

A declaration is unlikely when play resumes today as John Wright, the New Zealand cap-tain, may consolidate the lead. setting India an unattainable target. A draw is not unlikely, considering the wicket, which still favours batsmen.

still favours batsmen.
Crowe made 113 and Jones an unbeaten 144. The two put on 179 runs for the third wicket after Wright was caught at midwicket by Wasson off the leg spinner. Hirmani, for 74, adding 140 for the second wicket with 48 for the second wicket with

Trailing by 91 runs, after India were all out for 482 following lunch on the third day (Azharuddin scored a masterly 192, More 50 and Wasson 53) New Zealand lost Franklin with only seven runs on the board. But Wright and Jones had wiped off the deficit by the end of the day, taking a lead of 44 on the second innings.

Resuming the fourth morning's play at 135 for one, with

New Zealand, with 416 for five and a lead of 325 runs on the second innings, were in a Wright of 58 and Jones on 62, New Zealand lost the wicket of Wright after 20 runs were commanding position against added. Dropped at the wicket India after the fourth day of the off Prabhakar when 64, Wright hoisted a straight six off Hirwani, but in the next over he was caught by Wass same bowler for 74. Wasson off the Prahhaker, unhappy at his

leg-before appeals being releg-nerore appears being re-jected, argued with the umpires, one of whom, Brian Aldridge, had to ask the captain, Azharuddin, to calm him down. Jones, 91 at lunch, reached his second Test century soon after-wards, hitting 10 fours and a six.

Wasson 43 K R Rutherford c More b Hirwant 8

Total (5 wids) 416
R J Hadee, 11 D S Smith, M C Snedden, D
Morrison to bal.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-155, 3-334, 4-395, 5-406.
BOWLING: Kepil Dev 25-4-71-0;
Prabhaker 32-5-94-1; Wasson 24-5-72-1;
Hirvair 48-11-143-3; Ramen 19-10-23-0.
NBDA: First imings 482 (M Azhanudán 192, A Wasson 53, K More 50).

Taylor leads Australia to World Series Cup

Sydney (AP) - Australia won the World Series Cup title yesterday with a 69-run victory over Pakistan at the Sydney

The Australians amassed 255 for six from 50 overs in the second match of the best-of-three series and then dismissed Pakistan for 186 with five overs to spare. Australia won the opening match at the Mel-bourne Cricket Ground last Friday by seven wickets.

Mark Taylor, the New South

Wales opener, laid the foundation for Sunday's one-sided win with a top score of 76 - his best one-day innings. His opening partner Tom Moody contributed 44, Dean

Jones 46 and Allan Border, the captain, slammed 44 from 35 Simon O'Donnell and Peter Taylor each finished with three wickets for Australia after Terry

Alderman had inflicted the early

damage with two. Dean Jones was named man of the final

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PAKISTAN

Salim Malik b Alderman ... Javed Miandad run out

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-6, 3-52, 4-62, 5-72, 6-78, 7-132, 8-132, 9-176. BOWLING: Alderman 7-1-29-2; O'Donnell 6-1-38-3; P L Taylor 10-1-43-3; Racke-mann 8-1-20-0; Campbell 7-0-21-1; Bor-der 7-0-34-0.

Graveney looks to return tour

By Ivo Tennant

David Graveney returned home to another demonstration on Saturday, adamant that he had no regrets over managing the English tour to South Africa and hopeful that the return visit will take place. "I have learned more about myself and how to cope with responsibility as well as about the Republic," he said.

Graveney, who needed police rotection at Heathrow Airport ecause of an anti-anartheid constration by approxiamtely 50 people, said that he had returned to England earlier than the majority of the players because of "pressures" put on his family, notably his young

He claimed that the tour had "whetted appetites" for a second visit. "At every ground we played there was a pro-tour demonstration by black people. The number of anti-tour demonstrators amounted to only 20,000 in all according to security officials, and that includes those who turned up more than once. Estimates that 15,000 would protest at each oround were unfounded. You ald remove a nought.

"I am probably battle-hardened now to demonstrations. At least they were done in a controlled fashion — more con-trolled than the vitriolic statements I heard at the airport. In South Africa it was freedom singing marshalled by the dem-onstrators' own leaders."

"When the tour was curtailed, I was shocked. It was a human reaction. It would be trivial to say we were onlucky with the timing of the release from jail of Nelson Mandela. We always said from the moment we arrived that the South African Cricke Union would know better than anyone whether the tour should go ahead and they will keep us ormed of their deal with the National Sports Congress.

"It is anyone's guess what will be happening in South Africa at the end of the year but I would like the second tour to go ahead. All the players would. None has any regrets about going. Friendships have grown stronger within the team and in spite of the difficulties, they were able to concentrate on playing cricket." Graveney, who until the start of the season intends to work for his brother in Bristol, is due to sign a two-year contract with Gloncestershire.

Benji 2, Buchashowi House (Miss K Bernett); 2, Elusive Diene; 3, Doxford Hot. 15 ran. Midn II Pri. 1, Steele Justice (Mrs V Jackson); 2; Rugged Barron; 3, Wot Pet. 10 ran. Midn II Pri. 1, Second Alterupt (R Shiele); 2, Modern Way; 3, So Isle. 9 ren.

Road racing youth to the fore in wind

By a Special Correspondent

Terry Jackson, the unseeded Invicta-DLB rider, upset the forecasts for the classic North for a minute, which is a rare Road Hardriders 25-mile time indignity for the national 50trial by beating the favourites by mile champion. I'm minutes or more, with a winning time of the 2min 14sec. On a windy day, the prize of £250 for beating one hour never looked likely to be claimed. Jackson, aged 22. a software engineer, from Northampton, was only really challenged by Matthew Postie, the Common-

wealth Games rider, from Wales. Postle, aged 19, was seven seconds slower. With the 120 riders starting at one-minute intervals, riders such as Eddie Adkins, John Pritchard and Martin Pyne

faced rising winds.

But the fiercely undulating lanes around Essendon suited the road racing backgrounds of the new generation represented by the top four, who all started between 44 minutes and thr 10min earlier, which might have

been a slight advantage.

Road racing expertise also showed in the sixth place of Neil Martin, in his first race as a

FOOTBALL

Barnsley v Sheffleld Utd (7.45) QPR v Blackpool (7.45) PONTENS LEAGUE: Second division: Mansheld v Sunderland (7.00); Middles-brough v Grimaby (7.00); Wigan v York (7.00). SOUTH EAST COUNTRES LEAGUE: League Cup, semi-final: QPR v Watlord (7.00).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Redditch v Stourbridge.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Preview division: Flavinon v Paulton Rovers (7.45).
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE:
League Clap, semi-finat: OPR v Watford (7.00).

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: Young England v Young Hum-gary (amateur, London). BADMINTON: Puma Surrey Champ-lonship (Wimbledon). BOWLS: Men's World Indoor Chempion-ships (Preston). SNOOKER: British Open (Derby).

CYCLING

the hills and caught Pritchard for a minute, which is a rare

TRUE CHRIMPION.

RESULTS: North Road Hardriders 25mile TT: 1. T Jackson (Invice-DLB), 1hr
2mm 14sec 2, M Postie (Coldre-Stanco),
1:02.21; 3, R Prebble (Gloucester City
RC), 1:03.17; 4, S Bray (Invice-DLB),
1:03.29; 5, M Pyre (Poly-Air Canada
Cargo, 1:03.46; 6, N Martin (DirungtonIdeal), 1:03.47; 7, A Lyons (Olympia
Sport), 1:04.11; 8, D Sweeney (VC
Chesterfeid), 1:04.13, Team: 1, InvicteDLB, 3:12.14. • MELBOURNE: Danny

Clark, elated and relieved to be the first rider to win the Austral Wheelrace three times off the scratch mark on Saturday, admitted that it was only possible because Stephen Pate, the former world sprint champion, sacrificed his own chances to help Europe's champion six-day rider (Peter Bryan writes).
Pate told Clark that he would

set the pace on the opening laps of the 2.000-metre handicap event. One of us had to race for the other one," said Clark, aged 38. "If we had gone into the final racing against each other neither of us would have won."

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FA Cup Fifth round, second replays

PA YASE: Fifth round replay: Hythe Town v Abingdon Town.
VAUKHALL, LEAGUE: First division:
Croydon v Lewes, Second division north:
Stevenage Borough v Saffron Wadden

VICTORY SHIELD UNDER-15 INTER-NATIONAL: England v Northern treams (Hillsborough, 7 15).

SPORT ON TV BASKETBALL: Screensport: 3.30-4.30pm: US College game: Duke v N Carolina State.

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BOWLS: BBC≥ 3.05-5pm: Embassy World Indoor championship coverage. 12.25-1.30am: Highlights. BOXING: Eurosport: 9-10pm: Best of Superbouts: Muhammed All v Leon Spinks (rematch). Screensport: 9.15-10.15: US professional action. CRICKET: Sky One: 3-10 pm; West Indias v England: the coverage of the third day of the first Test. BBCT: 11.55pm; 12.25am; Highlights. BBC2: 8.10-8pm; On the Line: report on England XI's low of South

Arics.

EQUESTRIANISM: Eurosport: middayipm, 4-5pm. Review. Scroessport: 11pmmidnight: Menthal grand prix show
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FOOTEALL: Eurosport: 10am-midday.
European round-up. Screensport: 8.159.15am and 7.30-8.30pm: International

9.15em and 7.30-8.30pm: international coverage.
COULT: Eurosport: 1-4pm and midnight-tam: The Australian Mesters, from Melboume, Screensport: midday-1pm: US PGA Open, San Diego.
GENERAL: Eurosport: 7-8pm: What a week. Screensport: 10.45-11.45: Spain Sport: Spanish review.
KE HOCKEY: Eurosport: 5-7pm: NHL etmorton Oliers v Calgary Flames. 10pm: midnight: NHL game of the week. Screensport: 10-11am: Soviet lour of US, second game. second game. MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport: 8-Spm; internotional review.
NOSDIC SKIMG: Eurosport: 9-10 arm World Cup: 90m jump and 3 x 10km relocations. from hely.
RUGBY LEAGUE Screensport: 2-Spm:

SPORTSWORLD EXTRA: 1TV: 1-2em: Highlights from US indoor attributes meet-ing at Meedowlands, plus weekend football round-up.

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THE TIMES RACIN Wigan v Selford. SNOOKER: ITV: 1.30-3.25pm, 11.05pm-12.30am: Peerl Assurance British Open.



Form points to Man Of The West

Riverhead's recent victories at Sandown Park and Wincanton have drawn attention to the excellent chance of Man Of The West in today's EBF Novices Hurdle Qualifier at

Jimmy Fitzgerald's sevenyear-old bad Riverhead back in fourth place when a close runner-up to Whatever You Like in the compensive A F Budge Novices' Hurdle at Ascot earlier this month, and he is napped to recoup the

Man Of The West, who should make his mark in the chasing ranks next season, has been a model of consistency this term, winning three of his

2.15 Clever Folly.

2.45 Walk Of Life

3.15 MAN OF THE WEST (nap).

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GOLD

Today's rivals include Oli- and Boradawra (5.15). ver Sherwood's Young Pokey, who is held in high regard. But this five-year-old will have to show considerable improvement on his first effort over hurdles at Newbury where he was beaten more than 20 lengths when fifth behind

Another Lambourn challenger Bourbon Spirit ran on gamely to hold Moze Tidy at Sandown 10 days ago but, at level weights, Man Of The West should have his

five outings, and his only send his horses north from his

3.45 Duke's Whistle. 4.15 Without A Doubt.

4.45 Generals Boy.

DONCASTER

Selections

Michael Seely's selection: 4.15 WITHOUT A DOUBT (122).

Guide to our in-line racecard

Racacard number. Shr-figure form (F - tell.
P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought latest race). Going on which horse has won down. S- slipped up. R - refused.
Horse's name. Days S- soft, good to firm, hard. G- good. Since tast outing: F if flat. (B - blinkers. brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider V-ulsor. H-hood. E-Eyeshied. C-course and white the standard winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and Hardcapper's rating.

2.15 FRENCHGATE CENTRE INTERMEDIATE CHASE (\$2,584: 2m 41) (4 runners)

FORM FOCUS CLEVER FOLLY, a very smart performer (gine 3ti) here (2m 4f). But he looks to be out of his who only acts on good ground, won impressively by depth today. BUSY (#TTENS was never a factor 101 from Weish Omit (rec 3tib) at Chellenham (2m 4f), besten over 40t, behind Certain Style (gave 5tib) at Kempton (2m 4f). Chempion Chase at Chellenham.

BETTING: 5-4 Walk Of Life, 4-1 Gaelic Issue, 5-1 Leon, 6-1 Queen's Bay Lad, 10-1 it's A Pry, 14-1 Pre-Princess,16-1 others.

1989: ENCHANTED MAN 5-11-7 D Burchell (11-2) D Burchell 15 ran

FORM FOCUS IT'S A PRY 3rd beaten 141 by Lucy Lastic (rec 7tb) at Southwell (3, AW).

Lastic (rec 7tb) at Southwell (3, AW).

Witherby (2m). A market move should be significant. LEON failed to quicken when 2nd beaten 11 by MALK OF LIFE 3rd beaten 51 by Samdeston (levels) in nov chase at Christic (rec 21b) at Southwell (2m 2t, MALK OF LIFE 3rd beaten 51 by Samdeston (levels) in nov chase at Christic (rec 21b) at Southwell (2m 2t, MALK OF LIFE 3rd beaten 71 by Carness (rec 12b) at Window (2m) 52 market Prince (2m 2b) in a nov chase at Christic 4ft. PREMETER PRINCESIS SUBJECTION (levels) at Ayr (2m 6ft, ROSETS MEMICIAL PROPERTY (2m) 4ft carrier won well by 151 from Estonia (rec 38b) at Concaster (2m 4ft).

Selection: ROSETS MEMICIAL PROPERTY (2m) 4ft carrier won well by 151 from Estonia (rec 38b) at Doncaster (2m 4ft).

1 130-1 BOURBON SPRITT 19 (D.F.S) (K Flecher) M Frencis 5-11-10 M Richards 77
2 311154 HEY COTTAGE 29 (D.BF.G.S) (Mrs S Dimond) D McCain 5-11-10 G McCount 82
3 6-12112 MAM OF THE WEST 19 (D.G.S) (A Budge Ltd) Jissmy Fitzgerald 7-11-10 II Duryer 6-99
4 38- CELTIC (MRS 841 (P Byrne) B Curtey 6-11-0 D Marphy 6-99
5 66- HOSTILE ACT 415 (J Titley) Miss P Half 5-11-0 R Dimesordy 6-99
8 65- HOSTILE ACT 415 (J Titley) Miss P Half 5-11-0 L Wyer 89
7 NO PAY RISE (M Grabam) E Alston 7-11-0 M Alekser (7)
8 M Alekser (7)

BETTRIC: 11-10 Man Of The West, 4-1 Young Pokey, 8-1 Hey Cottage, 8-1 Bourbon Spirit, 14-1 Celtic

1989: MOUNTEBOR 5-11-10 T Morgan (4-9 lav) J Edwards 9 ran

FORM FOCUS BOURBON STREET (2m). CELTIC KING showed some ability in Netional Maze Tidy (levels) at Sendown (2m).

Maze Tidy (levels) at Sendown (2m).

HEY COTTAGE, LOCks to be training off after a successful early assison, 5th beaten 80 by Chy Comment (rec 3b) at Carliste (2m). NAN OF THE WEST, worn two attoderate novice events at Market Rason, 3d 2md to Whatever You Like (rec 10b) at Assot.

Selection: MAN OF THE WEST.

3.15 EBF NOVICES HURDLE QUALIFIER (£1,898: 2m 150yd) (14 runners)

2.45 BALMORAL CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,842: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

other defeat was at the hands. Somerset base when the conof that highly-regarded novice ditions are right, can collect a Midland Glenn over 2½ miles at Newcastle in November.

ditions are right, can collect a double on Town Moor through Walk Of Life (2.45)

> Having captured two novice hurdle events earlier this term, Walk Of Life should not be hard pressed to land today's erably more weight to carry Balmoral Claiming Hurdle, while the newcomer Boradawra us reported to have been well-galloped for the EBF National Hunt Flat

The Princess Royal Handicap Hurdle looks an open affair. Nigel Tinkler holds a strong hand with Persillant At Leicester's all-chasing and Smart Performer, but meeting, the Jenny Pitman-Martin Pipe, never afraid to Doubt could oblige at reward-

Without A Doubt was not far behind the subsequent Tote Gold Trophy winner Deep Sensation when a good fifth to Atlaal in the Bic Razor Landzarote Handicap Hurdle at Kempton and although the eight-year-old has consid-

account of himself. The Feversham Novices' Chase can go to David Nicholson's aptly-named Duke's Whistle, who stayed on well to finish a creditable third behind Mountebor at Ludlow last month.

today, should give a good

At Leicester's all-chasing Thomas Tate's Without A trained Timely Star may be Doubt could oblige at reward- worth another chance in the Great Glen Novices' Chase.

3.45 FEVERSHAM NOVICES CHASE (\$2,485: 3m 122yd) (14 runners)

1989: ALONE SUCCESS 6-11-12 J White (1-3 tay) N Henderson 6 rap

FORM FOCUS ALWAYS TALKING Strd beaten 191 by the useful Tourson Prince (gave 5b) with REGARDLESS 4th beaten 191 by the Useful Tourson Prince (gave 5b) with REGARDLESS 4th beaten 191 by the COMEDY ROAD, from a stable in good form, 122 back (2m), PALM LAD 3rd beaten 33 by Boutz-COMEDY ROAD, from a stable in good form, 122 back (2m), PALM LAD 3rd beaten 33 by Boutz-COMEDY ROAD, from a stable in good form, 122 back (2m), PALM LAD 3rd beaten 38 by Boutz-COMEDY ROAD, from a stable in good form, 122 back (2m).

Weltherby (5m), DUKCE'S WHISTLE showed improved

4.15 PRINCESS ROYAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,340: 2m 150yd) (20 runners)

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1 319-31F TARTAN TALOR (67 (0,5,0,5) (Edinourgh MB) G Richards 9-11-10 N Designity 28 2 0111-56 W(THOUT A DOUBT 37 (0,5)) (Edinourgh MB) G Richards 9-11-10 N Designity 28 3 10R111- SPACE FAIR 278 (0,5,5) (Osborns House Limited) R Lee 7-11-8 W McFinstand (3) 83 4 12-214 ON TAP 62 (0,5,5) (Osborns House Limited) R Lee 7-11-8 W McFinstand (3) 83 5 49-4200 PERSILLANT 16 (0,5,0,5) (R Gonersall) N Tinking 6-11-3 N HET 96 6-16-17 M MST 10 MST 10

1989: TILDEBO 5-10-9 M Lynch (7-1) J Webbar 7 ran

FORM FOCUS WITHOUT A DOUBT
when 4th beaten 12 by Lendaki (rec 25b) at Wetherby (2m). TEBITTO disappointed when last of (gave 5b) in a competitive event at Kempton (2m). TEBITTO disappointed when last of wether won well by 'li from Persillant (rec 11b) at Kempton (2m). TARTAN TAILOR, formerly a very useful hundler, fell 2 out on a contest won by High-land Bountly at Cheltenhem (2m); earlier beat Yank Brown (gave 3b) at Wetherby (2m, chase).

SPACE FARI, improved throughout last season, came home in effortions style by 25l from Abadjero (rec 24b) at Cartmel (2m 1). On TAP was tavouries

4.65 MINCH SMET TOM MANIFECTED (14.00).

1 42588 DOROMCIM 5 (D.F.Q.S) (Dr K Fraser) G Richards 11-12-0 M Michaey (5)
2 003481 GENERALS BOY 38 (D.F.Q.S) (P Craggs) J J O'Nell 8-10-9 Mr P Craggs
3 0P-5042 EAMONS OWEN 33 (D.G.S) (W Morgan) J Leigh 13-10-8 Mr W Morgan
4 244-645 AL HASHME 11 (L Hobbe) D Nichotson 6-10-5 E Damwody
5 54-3443 DURSTALL 45 (D.F.Q.S) (J Drewry) B Morgan 13-10-0 C Prince (7) 6
6 08F8US SHAMEAT 28 (V.D.S) (T Newton) D Gandollo 9-10-0 W McFanland (3)

Long handicap: Sheheat 9-7.

SETTING: 4-5 Generals Boy, 5-1 Doronicum, 6-1 Eamons Owen, Al-Hashimi, 16-1 Dumstall, 20-1 She

1989: VULRORY'S CLOWN 11-11-9 G McCourt (11-4) O Brennen 7 ran

FORM FOCUS DORONGUM makes a chair february after finishing a disappointing last of 6 to The Wilk (gave 3b) at Catterick (3m 1f) on Wednesday.

GENERALS BOY came home in good style when

1989: SMETHS VENTURE 4-11-2 R Gently (Evens fev) M H Easterby 16 ran

Course specialists

3.0 RUTLAND WATER NOVICES CHASE (24.142: 3m) (10 runners)

3.30 DRAGON HANDICAP CHASE (£3,470: 3m) (17 runners)

4.0 PICKWELL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,422: 2m) (12 runners)

5 1,00233 DENALLOW BOY 29 (UP-AU) (J open) J Open) J Open (J o

BETTING: 11-4 Woodland Raynet, 7-2 San Over, 5-1 Roman Dart, 5-1 Good Tonic, 8-1 Trave 12-1 Midnight Run, Star Wonder, 20-1 others. 1989: UNEX-PLAIMED 6-12-0 6 Storey (10-11 fev) G Moore 7 ran

4.30 DAKHAM HANDICAP CHASE (£2,794: 2m) (7 runners)

5.15 EBF NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,912: 2m 150vd) (18 runners)

BELGOOLY (La-Col R Warden) M H Easterby 5-11-10 ...

B BLANCHOLINE 5 (H Youdel) G Filchards 5-11-10 ...

COMEDY SPY (Mrs A Hewith Mrs A Hewith 5-11-10 ...

JUST GHARLES (After R Kirksby J Blanchis 5-11-10 ...

WREICH WARSHOR (W Sinksc) B Presco 5-11-10 ...

4.45 HIGH MELTON HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,845: 2m 4f) (6 runtiers)

The nine-year-old cost his supporters dearly at Hunting-don last Tuesday when, holding a clear lead at the last fence, he tried to run out and unseated Mark Pitman in the

However. Timely Star has plenty of ability and, on his best behaviour, should be capable of beating Pipe's rather indifferent jumper Go

course for festival From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Jim Dreaper yesterday categori-cally denied rumours that Carvill's Hill was not going to rum in the Cheltenham Gold West.

Mrs Pitman may also collect the Rutland Water Novices' Chase with her dual winner Tartau Trix, but her representative in the concluding Oakham Handicap Chase, Socks Downe, may be foiled by the progressive Infinity Rules from Stan Mellor's yard.

The said: "There is no change in the situation outlined last week. He will miss his engagement at Haydock Park but, provided the ground at Cheitenham is not firm, there is every possibility that he will fahlfil his Gold Cap entry."

Dreaper will not arrive at a definite decision until much nearer the event, but he would dearly love to have another

dearly love to have another crack at a race which his father, the late Tom Dreaper, so dominated in the Sixties.

Carvill's

Hill on

For the second year in a rew, the Ladbrokes Handicap Chase trial at Punchestown on Saturday lived up to the dreams of the sponsor by providing a "skinner" for the bookmakers. In 1989 victory went to Navallus VI at 33-1 and on Saturday another light-weight, Saturday another light-weight, the 25-1 chance Cloney Grange, alone coped with the incredibly heavy ground to win by 15 lengths from Lanigan's Wine with Thinking Cap finishing third for the second year in a

row. The winner provided his Co Wexford trainer Jimmy O'Connor and rider David O'Com with their biggest successes to date. Closey Grange will go to Cheltenham to run in one of the

Also bound for Cheltenham and the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle is the Edward O'Gradyrained in Edward O Grany-trained On Deposit, who led coming to the last flight to win the Baltinglass Four-Year-Old hurdle by 1½ lengths from

Stigon.
Paddy Mullins continues to cause controversy in Irish raccause controversy in Irish racing, and the punters showed
their disapproval of the lack of
stewards' action by booing
Scally Owen after he had led
from start to finish to win the
Ir£20,000 final of the Irish
National Hunt Novice Hurdle

This was the second successive Saturday that Scally Owen has won impressively, but after his win at Leopardstown there was no inquiry into the improvement in his form.

The fact of the matter, though, is that Scally Owen is a natural

front-runner and if taken on early in a race can lose interest. He will hardly get matters all his own way when he goes to Cheltenham for the Waterford Crystal Champion Novices Hurdle.

Paddy Mullins's other winner Paddy Mullins's other winner on Saturday was the non-Cheltenham entered Derrymore Boy, who also tarned the form book upside down with Welcome Pin in the Diners Club 40th Auniversary Chase.

Derrymore Boy had jumped badly when a moderate fifth to Welcome Pin at Fairykouse but on this occasion it was Welcome Pin who made the mistakes and noid the negality. In a close

Pin who made the mistakes and paid the penalty. In a close finish, Derrymore Boy jast held on by a neck from Blitzkrieg.
The runner-up, trying to give file, is an Arkle Trophy Chase the weights before we finally make up our minds. The horse

SOUTHWELL

Selections

By Mandarin

Elsworth likely to be three-handed for Cup assault

By Christopher Goulding

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With three expected runners in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, David Elsworth could represent the principal threat to Desert Orchid winning steeplechasing's Blue Riband for the second successive year. successive year.

"At the moment I have three

in the race, and it's certainly a strong possibility that all three will run," Elsworth said.
"Cavvies Clown delighted us the other day at Wincanton and delighted the strong str definitely runs and a decision about Barnbrook Again will not be made until the last minute. "He's in the Queen Mother Champion Chase, the race he won last year, but the owners are keen to have a go at the Gold Cup. If we change our minds, he

will obviously go for the two mile championship."

At Kempton Park on Sat-urday in the Racing Post Chase, Desert Orchid, participating in his sixtieth race, shrugged aside his burden of 12st 3lb to beat Delius, in receipt of 28lb, by a comfortable eight lengths. "I am a proud man," declared Elsworth. "He was better than he has been all season. I knew he would run with honour under

would run with honour under such a big weight and now we will free wheel to Cheltenham." The Whitsbury trainer yes-terday confirmed the grey's well-being. "He is fine this morning and has eaten up really well. If he stays as he is, he is going to take all the beating at Cheltenham."

Richard Dunwoody shared Elsworth's sentiments: "I've never known the horse to be so well and despite all the weight he was giving away I never felt he would be beaten."

Richard Burridge, confessed:
"The last time I backed Dessie
to win the Gold Cup I took him out of the race when we ran him in the Champion Chase." Not surprisingly, the grey is now a firm Gold Cup favourite at evens with Corals. Ladbrokes go 11-10 and Victor Chandler are taking no chances at 11-10

John Fowler, the Co Meath trainer, who sends Maid Of Money over for the Gold Cup, was impressed with Desert Orwas impressed with Desert Orchid's performance. "On good
ground, there is nothing to beat
him," said Fowler. "I wish I
could take the testing Irish
conditions to Cheltenham."
Fowler added: "I will not be
sending Maid Of Money to
Haydock on Saturday for the
Greenall Whitley Chase. "Her
next and last race will be the

next and last race will be the Gold Cup."
Nick The Brief, conqueror of

Carvill's Hill in the Vincent O'Brien Gold Cup, is also expected to miss the Haydock race and go straight to Chelten-ham for the Gold Cup. However, the stable is likely

to be represented by their Nat-ional runner Over The Road in the Greenall Whitley.

Another contender for the Haydock contest is the Michael Robinson-trained Polyfemus, who was impressive in a workout at Kempton Park yesterday



David Murray Smith: 33-1 success with Old Dandalk

is tremendously well and the Grand National is his principal target. He will not be going to

Cheltenham, " Polyfemus, winner of his two outings this season which in-clude the Mandarin Chase where he beat Brown Windsor, is third favourite for the National at 16-1 with Ladbrokes.

Malcolm Bastard rode Royal Charge to a 12-1 victory in the Light Infantry Plate Handicap Hardle at Doncaster on Satnature at Donaster of Sat-urday and then retired after 15 years as a lockey and nearly 100 winners. He intends to continue buying and selling horses.

Twin Oaks, returning to the course after an absence of 729 days, was not disgraced when sixth behind Desert Orchid at Kempton on Saturday and will now be trained for the National. "It was a pleasing performance and he will now so to Cheltenham for the Ritz." said his trainer, David Murray Smith. "And then it will be the Grand National."

Old Dundalk also made an impressive return for Murray Smith when successful at 33-1 in the Rendlesham Hurdle, "He's been plagued by all sorts of problems and it was a pleasent suprise," reported Murray Smith. "The Waterford Stayers' Hurdle at Chekenham will be

his next race."

Cruising Altitude has pleased Oliver Sherwood since finishing third to Kribensis at Wincanton last Thursday: "He has come out of the race in brilliant form. I have two weeks to have him spot on, and I will."

Stratford Ponds, winner of the Bessborough Stakes at Royal Ascot, outstayed Gaasid to win the Dovecote Novices Hurdle for Sherwood.

"If the ground is good he will go for the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices' Hurdle," the

Lambourn trainer added.

The victory of Philosophos over Calicon in the Tote Placepot Hurdle added few pointers for the Triumph Hur-dle as the winner is not even gives hope to his well-beaten

year-old, jumping as well as ever, took the Gay Sheppard Memorial Challenge LEICESTER

Selections By Mandarin

2.00 Timely Star. 2.30 Torside

Going: good to soft

3.00 Tartan Trix.

New Zealand dairy farmer Denis Gray hopes to win the Foxhasters at Chelten-ham on Lean Ar Aghaidh and the partnership got their eye in when the 13-

3.30 Under Offer. 4.00 Good Tonic. 4.30 Infinity Rules.

Trophy at Stratford on Saturday by four lengths. Lean Ar Aghaidh, though, has to finish at least second in another hunter chase before he can run at the festival. Stan Mellor could saddle him

again at Nottingham tomorrow.

C Spares
R Lee
C Sherwood
Jimmy Fitzge
G Richards
O Brennan

By Michael Seel 2.00 Go West, 3.00 Tartan Trix.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 INFINITY RULES.

2.0 GREAT	GLEN NOVICES CHASE (£2,713: 2m 4f) (13 runners)
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2 212-1FP 1	VALASSY 25 (BF,S) (H Brown) J Edwards 7-11-7
3 F	DROMMA STAR 66 (P Berber) J Old 9-11-1
4 3F36-0P	POXTREE 8 (Ars P Spicer) R Spicer 7-11-1
5 120-632	GO WEST 9 (B.BF.S) (Mrs J Dodd) M Ploe 5-11-1 P Scullament S MONDAY CLUB 34 (J Tuck) G Baiding 6-11-1 Wr A Wahar
8 6 U	PLACUE O' RATE 3 (Mrs C Rogers) R Frost 6-11-1
7 633-007	PLACEUE C HA16 S (NES C POURS) A Turnel 6-11-1 L Hervey
8 0/07-005	BHADY ROAD 14 (BF,G) (Kinch Bulk Hautege Ltd) O O'Neid 8-11-1
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19 /2/8790	7-4 Timely Star, 5-2 Go West, 5-1 Valessy, 7-1 Lauderdale Lad, 10-1 Space Gent, 12-1 Plag
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	2.30 SYST	ON CLAIMING CHASE (82,297: 2m 4f) (14 runners)	
		Charles 10-19-3 Wr T Jones (7)	. 57 - 10
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			76
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	10 3PFEP5	MR DESS 21 (5) (P Barcott) M Other 9-10-10.	70
	12 PUPART	CRACK A JOKE 35 (V,C,P,ALS) (Wash Thoroughbreds Pic) G Gracey 9-10-9 G Moore	_

BETTRICE 5-4 Torside, 4-1 Listery Led, 11-2 Mr Dynamic, 8-1 Mr Dibbs, 12-1 Charle Degg, Goodwyn Lad, 20-1 others. 1969: SEVENTS SPECS 9-10-13 R Stronge (16-1) P Cundell 12 ran

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6 EL LA MONCHOULE (B Water) C Booth 5-11-5 B Datton (7) —
7 FLYING FAITH (Baronest Hamer of Alford) Mrs G Jones 5-11-5 Mr C Farrell (7) —
8 FROZEN FLAME (Mrs D Edwards) B McMahon 5-11-5 Mr C Farrell (7) —
9 GODIG CN (Mrs J Hodgart) Miss S Hall 4-11-2 B Media (5) —
10 KIELYCROPT (M Klely) N Bycrott 4-11-2 N Smith (7) —
11 KING BOO (G Henderson) G Kaily 4-11-2 N Smith (7) —
12 BELLAVENTURE (A Douglas) D Molfast 4-10-11 D J Molfast (7) —
13 BORADAWRA (Mrs D Jenks) M Pipe 4-10-11 Brown (7) —
14 DRIVER (D Hall) M Brown 4-10-11 J Ledder (3) —
15 EASTER LASS (G Retaill) Mrs A Reselff 4-10-11 J Ledder (3) —
16 PERENNELLA (Mrs H Puroble) T Bit 4-10-11 J Reliton (5) —
17 SARCA'S PRIDE (P Bottomiely J Bottomiely 4-10-11 D Bryse —
18 ZION PARK (R Collins) J Colston 4-10-11 D Bryse —

BETTING: 15-8 Bisistenolms, 3-1 Boradawra, 4-1 Belgooly, 8-1 Sestic's Pride, 8-1 Cornedy Spy, 12-1 Going On, 14-1 Beliaventure 4-11-2 R Garritty (Evens fav) M M Esstature 16 Con Going: standard 2.10 OMPTON HANDICAP HURDLE (21,576: 2m) (7 1 F4-1 BALLYDURGOW 10 (CD.F.Q.S) R Fisher 13-12-7 Evens Ballydurrow, 11-4 The Lighter Side, 5-1 Rehearsing Donosti, 16-1 Shirley Ann, 20-1 others. 5 de Heen © 99 J Shortt 70 S Durfee (5) 80 S McHeill — M Lynch 92 2.40 WELBECK COLLIERY SELLING HURDLE (£1,660: 2m) (9 runners) 1 SU10 THE GAVENOCHY 82 (B.D.F) L Wordingham 11-3 1 SUPPLIES HOUSE SET HOUSE SET HOUSE SET HE STORY (7)

2 0 ENTERPRISE PRINCE SET FORMET THOMPSON 10-10 — HEESON SCAAP 32F B PRINCE 10-10 — P Mines

3 MESSON SCAAP 32F B PRINCE 10-10 — P Mines

4 EUROSE PROGRESS 16 (BF) T Barron 10-5 B McCMH (5)

6 0062 CARNOUS FEEL RIG 21 J Bostey 10-5 — M Bostey

7 3323 ELA-AVASHOUL 28 A Read 10-5 — J Ryen (5)

8 MCCMARABURE SET R HOUSE SEN 10-5 — B Storey

9 MCHARABURE SET R HOUSE SEN 10-5 — GROWN Lyons (5)

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H Device St
J Frost # 99
L Hervey St
States 95
Valoney
Sco (5) Course specialists TRAINERS: R Hollinshead, 10 winners from 33 rumers, 30.3%; M Pipe, 14 from 48, 29.2%; G Richards, 18 from 75, 24.0%; Mrs S Cliver, 4 from 77, 23.5%; R Fisher, 3 from 14, 21.4%; B Preece, 11 from 63, 17.5%. JOCIOEYS: Mr S Andrews, 4 winners from 9 rides, 44.4%; J Lower, 8 from 20, 40.0%; A Juckes, 5 from 16, 31.3%; Gery Lyons, 11 from 43, 25.6%; S Smith Eccles, 12 from 47, 25.5%; M Dwyer, 35 from 143, 24.5%. I Lawrence (3)

B de Hase

S Turner

J Reillon (3)

3.10 SHIREBROOK NOVICES HURDLE (21,758: 2m 2f) (10 numners) 3 6658 CAPTAIN MANNERING 7 (V) L Codd 5-11-4. R Sepple 4-222 GENERAL SELKY 33 P Davis 5-11-4. Tarraya Devis 5-06- MANDY'S THRO 36 J Herris 5-11-4. J A Herris 6 /23 NOVA LAD 14 P Bevan 6-11-4. J Lodder 7 0 SHI FLY 11 Mrs 8 Oliver 6-11-4. J Lodder 8 8 F POREST MYNPH 33 Mrs 5 (Shire 5-10-13. W Hayes 9 F BAR FLY 102 (BP) M Pipe 4-10-7. J Lower 10 565 MEHTAB 14 Mrs F Sty 4-10-2. R Merris 11-4 Nova 1 at 7-2 General Site 2 8 P D 5-15 (See 11-14). 2.10 Ballydurrow, 2.40 Burkes Progress, 3.10 Bar Fly, 3.40 Kellys Pal, 4.10 Kates Fling, 4.40 Storm Warrior. 11-4 Nove Lad, 7-2 General Silky, 9-2 Bar Fly, 11-2 Forest Nymph, 13-2 Brilliant Wish, 10-1 Metalab, 12-1 others. 3.40 THORPE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,534: 3m) (7 6 46FP STAR OF ESK 35 6 Richards 8-11-5 L O'Hara (5) 7 0-06 CHANTELY DAWN 17 J Haynes 6-11-0 J A Hartis 8-4 Star Of Est 9 4 Miles 6-4 Star Of Esk, 9-4 Keilys Pal, 3-1 Ocean Rogue, 8-1 Aqua ferde, 14-1 others. 4.10 RAINWORTH MARES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,520: 2m 4f) (7 runners) 4 4FT8 XYLOPHONE 40 (F) Mas L Bower 8-11-0 5 2423 SEATON GIRL 7 (BIFLE) R Front 6-11-0 S See 6 0455 PATCHOULES PET 118 (F) W Monts 7-10-10 7 -040 DOLITINO 151 Mass 2 Green 6-10-5 ... J O'Go 9-4 Kates Fing, 11-4 Patchoull's Pet, 100-30 Feeling Rosy, 5-1 Seaton Girl, 6-1 Dollato, 12-1 others. 4.40 PLEASEY VALE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,506; 2m 6f) (5 runners) 1 2001 ITALIAN TOUR 14 (C,G) Mrs G Plowight 10-12-0 2 1221 STORM WARRIOR 7 (B,C,G) B Presce 5-11-5 (Sex)

Saturday's results

Kempton Park

Kempton Park

2.0 1, Smatterd Pands (4-1); 2, Gaseld (5-1); 3, Alkinor Rex (11-2). Tinryland 7-2 (14-1); 3, Alkinor Rex (11-2). Tinryland 7-2 (14-1); 3 and 1-2 (14-1); 3 and 1-2 (14-1); 3, High River (5-2); 5 ran. NR: Glen George.

3.0 1, Philosophos (83-1); 2, Casicon (13-2); 3, Carbisciale (12-1); General Pershing 11-4 fav. 11 ran.

3.35 1, Desert Orchid (6-11 fav); 2, Delus (6-1); 3, Seagram (83-1); 8 ran.

4.10 1, Old Dundlik (83-1); 2, Sprowaton Boy (7-2); 3, Calabrase (11-4), Slatom 2-1 fav. 7 ran.

4.40 1, Cumbernare (4-7 fav); 2, Certain Syle (15-8); 3, Holtsmann (9-1); 3 ran.

3.51, Ruling (6-1); 2, Europa Point (20-1); 3, King Credo (83-1). Cache Fleur 5-4 fav. 22 ran.

Doncaster

2.15 1, Ramittance Nem (6-4 tav); 2, Empire Blue (7-4); 3, Otterburn House (6-1). 16 ran. NR; Soybean.
2.46 1, Boutzderoff (6-11 tav); 2, Historia (6-1); 3, Bel Course (16-1). 10 ran.
3.15 1, Danters Carolaty (5-4 tav); 2, The Langholm Dyer (6-2); 3, Glenside Jerry (11-2, 6 ran. 3.15 1, Dasters Carethy (5-4 lay); 2, The Langholm Dyer (5-2); 3, Glesside Jerry (11-2), 6 ran. 3.50 1, Royal Change (12-1); 2, Persons Green (11-2); 3, Mubearis (20-1), Ex-Port 9-2 fax, 13 ran. 4.20 1, Marsher Enjd (5-1); 2, Bern Brass (33-1); 3, Night Safe (16-1), Cloick Padraig 2-1 fax, 13 ran. 4.50 1, Loy Buccanaros (6-1); 2, Sybillin (11-2); 3, Up-A-Point (33-1), Stay Austice 2-1 fax, 15 ran.

2.15 1, Crystal Beer (8-2); 2, Royal Borough (15-8 law); 3, Seniamar (50-1), 16 ran. NF: Bold Rev.
2.45 1, Miss Challs (3-1); 2, Arran View (33-1); 3, Richards Pet (20-1). Feeling Botter 2-1 tav. 17 ran.
2.15 1, The Leggatt (Evens tav); 2, But-

iers Pet (9-2); 3. Master Vince (12-1), 7 ran. 3.45 1, Cesh le King (8-15 lav); 2, Skinnhill (9-4); 3, Celtic Trust (25-1), 7 ran. NR: Reflect Veriture.
4.15 1, Lean Ar Aghaidh (9-4 fav); 2, Conroche Gazette (33-1); 3, Father Brady (5-2), 10 ran. NR: Grand Strat.
4.45 1, Strike A Polict (12-1); 2, Concert Paper (18-1); 3, Pop Song (11-2); 3, Futter Money (33-1). Celtic Dove 7-2 fav. NR: Grafton Malsey. Edinburgh

2.8 1, Herberny Nap (7-1); 2, Trebon-lears (14-1); 3, Blado (33-1). Some Machine, 4-7 Sev. 10 ran. 2.30 1, in The Feshkon (1-3 fav); 2, Am-bergate (5-1); 3, Sudbrooks Park (25-1). 6 fast. 3.0 1, Lest "O" The Bunch (11-2); 2, Birstwith (9-4 fav); 3, Eradicate (6-1), 15 Stratetin (9-4 ray); 3, uranness (1,1); 2, Oaken (13-2); 3, Pyjamas (5-1), 5 ran. 4,9 1, Dysslering (4-7 tay); 2m in The Breeze (7-2); 3, Jelly JR (25-1), 7 ran. NP: Mester Salesman. 4,30 1, Candichright (5-1); 2, Fisherman's Croft (6-4)-tay); 3, Meritmoore (6-4); tay), 10 ran.

Lingfield Park

1.40 1, Love Legend (7-2); 2, Hinari Video (10-1); 3, Kabcast (8-1), The Shara-han Bay 15-8 fav. 9 ran. 2.10 1, Captain Spoun (3-4); 2, Miccian (11-10 tav); 3, Bold Enddevour (8-4), 3 ran. MF: Downtown Belle. 2.40 1, Marjons Boy (8-11 fav); 2, Hesty Thrill (100-30); 3, Glebolands Girl (50-1), 5 ran. Thriff (100-30); 3, Globelands Gliri (50-1), 8 ran.
3.10 1. Marreynide Man (11-10 fav); 2, Rapportsur (6-2); 3, Irene's Cherter (5-2), 6 ran.
3.40 1, Lingüeld Less (2-1 ji-fav); 2, Kildons (9-2); 3, Equinor (5-1); Alignit's Dresm 2-1 ji-fav,
4.10 1, Friendly Coast (8-13 fav); 2, Balantras (20-1); 3, Spitific Jubileo (8-2), 4 ran.



Abject Aston Villa allow Wimbledon to wreck the party

By Chris Moore

Aston Villa Wimbledon.

Just how much significance this result will have in the outcome of the first division championship, only time will

But the underlying fear at Villa Park on Saturday, after what has to go down as one of the shock scorelines of the season, was that Wimbledon, and their forward John Fashanu, the scorer of two goals, in particular, could have dealt a hammer blow to Aston

If every team is entitled to an off-day now and again, then Aston Villa's on Saturday perhaps long overdue. They had won their previous seven League games, with a maximum 27-point return from their last nine not every day you get the chance of consolidating your arrival at the top of the table by going five points clear of

That was the overriding incentive Aston Villa spurned on Saturday. Their abject failure must have left them psychologically scarred, and it could, without question, ultimately cost them the title. After a 20-minute inquest in

Blackpool take road once more

Travel-weary Blackpool set off for London again today in readiness for their FA Cup fifth round second replay at Queen's Park Rangers tonight.

After the goalless draw in the first replay at Lostus Road in midweek the Blackpool team stayed overnight at a Chester hotel then travelled to Merseyside for Friday's League game at

After a 4-2 defeat it was back home for the day before facing another long motorway trip to Midfield player, Russell

Coughlin, who missed the first replay because of a stomach virus, played again at Tranmere and is expected to play tonight, but there is a doubt about the forward, Gary Brook, who came off on Friday with a hamstring

Oueen's Park Rangers forward, Roy Wegerle, believes he can improve upon his display in the replay, when his wayward shooting earned the disapproval of the Loftus Road crowd, after scoring in Rangers' 2-1 win at

Millwall on Saturday. Wegerle, still hoping to go to the World Cup with the United States in the summer, scored his first League goal for Rangers in the 51st minute at the Den, and it turned out to be the winner.

Barnsley and Sheffield United replay their FA Cup tie for the second time at Oakwell tomor-

The Sheffield United manager, Dave Bassett, said squeezing in the matches can be a problem for players.

It is asking a lot of players but we must do it. There is a lot at stake with Manchester United waiting to meet the winners," he

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the dressing room, Graham Taylor, the manager, appeared for once to be clutching for a straw. "As we are talking, we are still two points clear with 12 games to play," he said.

The fact that Liverpool can now go back to the top by beating Derby at Anfield tomorrow was never mentioned. Nor was the fact that Villa's next five games, including their FA Cup quarter-final, are ali away.

Yet, no one could say they

had not been warned. Wimbledon already boasted the best away record in the division, with Taylor describing them beforehand as the best "party-spoilers" in the business. Only this time they did not settle for just bursting a few balloons. It was a demolition.

"We let ourselves down in all departments and afforded them too much respect," Taygames at Villa Park, but it is lor said. "You certainly wouldn't have thought you were watching the best defence in the first division. But it would be foolish to forget all the good things the players have done to get us where we

> Any more performances like this, however, and the £2 million Taylor has at his hole in his pocket. It is no

all season, having failed in bids for Tony Cascarino, Steve Bull and Kevin Drinkell The way Fashanu out him-

self about on Saturday, scoring Wimbledon's first two goals in his first game back after a seven-week lay-off through injury, one wonders whether the thought crossed Taylor's mind over the weekend to make Bobby Gould an offer he could not refuse for the former England forward.

Even David Platt, one of the favourites for the player-ofthe-year award, contributed to Saturday's downfall by having a penalty saved by Segers in the fifth minute. Fashanu converted a 58th

minute penalty for Wimbledon, which he had engineered himself, and il minutes later rose above thedesence to plance home Anthrobus's free Wimbledon had Sanchez

carried off with a dislocated shoulder in the 77th minute but managed the final word as Miller completed Villa's misery with a splendidly-taken

third goal.
ASTON Valla: N Spinic C Price, K Gage, P McGrath, D Mountfield, K Nielsen, T Deley, D Platt, I Oliney (sub: B Birch), G Cowans, I Ormondroyd (sub: S Gray).
Wissel EDON: H Segers: J Scales, P McGee, V Ryan, E Young, K Carle, S Anthrobus, P Miller, J Fashanu, I. Sanchez (sub: A Cord.), D Wisse.
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United waiting for things to happen

Manchester United... After the false dawn at Millwall two weeks ago, and some cheer-

ing rays in the Cup, darkness closed in again on Manchester United at Stamford Bridge on Saturday, Gareth Hall's first League goal brought an abrupt end to their recovery, leaving them with one win in their last As it gets increasingly tight at the bottom, those statisticsare

not encouraging, but here it was hard not to feel sympathy for United, who laid siege to Chelsea's goal for long periods in the second half. "You could say that they were a bit unlucky," Bobby Campbell, the Chelsea manager, conceded, albeit reluctantly, afterwards. He was much more certain that United could escape from their predicament.

But sympathy and optimism have to be qualified, and if United deserved more than they got for their second-half perfor-mance, their first-half display was poor against a team whose own form has been less than convincing. "We seemed to be waiting for things to happen," Alex Ferguson said.

Continually criticizing the manager is no pleasure, but United's initial formation, with ition wide on the right, McClair scarcely less so on the left, and Wallace through the middle, did not help them push forward penetratively.

In the second half, with McClair pushed forward, Wallace going wide and Ince taking the opportunity to show that, going forward at least, be bas real talent, it was another matter. Without Roberts, Chelsea's central defenders, with Johnsen looking increasingly solid and the mobile Monkou sticking to his task resolutely, had to deal with sustained pressure.

On the whole, they did so successfully. Even so, United had their chances, and only saves by Beasant from Ince and McClair, and a poor header by Hughes as Wallace's deen cross found him unmarked at the far post, denied United.

post, denied Onited.

It was not Hughes's day, the goal which brought Hall his joy coming when his compatriot was caught in possession and the ball was quickly switched to Dixon, with United exposed. CHELSEA: D Beasant; G Hell (sub: D Lee). A Dorigo, J Burnstead, E Johnsen, K Monkou, K McAllister, P Nicholas, K Dixon, K Wilson, C Wilson.

Luxon, K Wilson, C Wilson.
MANCHESTER (INTED: J Leighton; V
Anderson (sub: M Doneghy), L Martin, S
Bruce, M Phelan, G Palister, M Duxbury
(sub: R Beardsmore), P Ince, B McClair, M
Hughes, D Wallson.

Boardroom besieged

Trouble broke out at Castlereagh Park when Ards support-crs, frustrated over a defeat on amateur league side, tried to force their way into the boardroom (George Ace writes).

Second division

round Cawoods Co Antrim Shield tie, and they were only prevented from getting into the boardroom when a director

Third division



Ardiles's message is received

By Louise Taylor

Portsmouth. Swindon Town...

Osvaldo Ardiles's use of English Osvaldo Ardiles's use of English can generate confusion in post-match press conferences, yet the message he the has conveyed to his players at Swindon Town is crystal clear. "The manager wants us to have confidence, believe in ourselves, and enjoy playing," McLoughlin, the scorer of the Swindon goal at Fratton Park, explained.

The result is that Ardiles's team have been involved in some of the season's more entertaining matches, and Saturday's was no exception. To give Portsmouth their due, they ayed their part in an entertaining encounter. Portsmouth seized the initiative after 35 seconds when Black ran onto Wigley's pass on the left, before rifling a low shot into the bottom right hand corner of Digby's net from 25 yards.
With Chamberlain's early

excursions down the left reminding everyone why he had once played for England, Steens, on loan from Tottenham Hotspur, imposing his authority on the midfield, and Hazard flitting in and out of things, Portsmouth belied their modest League status.

Yet Swindon always looked more convincing, and it seemed just a matter of time before they would find their range.

Mid-way through the second half McLoughlin, reputedly half McLougnnu, bringing interest from Manchester United, did the job intercepting Ball's back-pass before beating Knight with a perfect lob. It was his sixteenth goal of the season Portsmouth could have won

Hazard's shot over the bar, but that would have been unjust. In injury time McLoughlin's short pass found Simpson, who duly beat Knight, but not the lines-man's offside flag.

PORTSMOUTH: A Knight: W Neil, G Stavene, M Fillery, G Hogs (sub: J Gilligan), K Ball, S Wigley (sub: M Kuhi), M Hazzard, G Whitingham, K Black, M Chamberiain.
SWINDON TOWN: F Digby: D Kersteke, P
Bodin, A McLoughlin, C Caldenwood, J
Ghase, T Jones, D Shearer, S White (sub: F Simpson), R Maclaren, S Poley.

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

Fourth division

The West Ham family rally was an the more praiseworthy as it was achieved without Robson and Ford (both injured). Whyte (suspended) and the manager, Brian Talbot, who decided to stop playing last week. Surprisingly Leeds had little to offer and there was nothing have to to back Bonds's new start home debut. His wind-assisted

By Dennis Signy

Blackburn Rovers.

West Ham Iltd...

The West Ham "family" gave Billy Bonds a rousing send-off as he embarked on a managerial career after 23 years at Upton Park that have already brought him an MBE for his services to Ted Fenton, the manager of

30 years ago, was there. Ron Greenwood, who succeeded Fenton and signed Bonds, who made a record 795 appearances, from Charlton Athletic looked in for a chat on the way to another game. John Lyall, who pointed Bonds as youth team coach when he stopped playing, telephoned his congratulations. Even Harry Redknapp, the Bournemouth manager, was a rival to Bonds to succeed Lou Macari as the seventh manager in West Ham's 90-year history, sent a telegram.

Trevor Brooking, one of Bonds's playing colleagues and, like him, the epitome of West Ham past, guided the new

interview.
The family was there, it seemed, to help exorcise the memory of a troubled eight months since Lyall's departure last summer. Bonds, accorded a hero's

welcome when introduced on the pitch before the start, set his players three basic principles; get forward, work at the game and "pass the thing."

They got forward to such an extent that Allen and Quinn rattled a post with shots inside

The goal came when Robson swims over a centre after 23 wind. Quinn, signed by Macari from Bradford City for £325,000, timed his run to send a powerful header past Gennoe for his fifth goal in three league West Ham certainly worked

at their game and 'passed the thing' at pace. Slater drove a shot made a couple of smart saves. Miklosko, the Czechoslovak

clearances reached the far pen-alty area; when Sellars aimed a shot at the top corner of his goal, the 6ft 4in Miklosko made a difficult save look easy.
In the second half, Dicks was cautioned for a high tackle. Then, with 11 minutes remain-

ng, Gayle centred and Sellars equalized with a glancing Even then Kelly went clear after 88 minutes but could not

get his shot on target. So West Ham's dreams of a big celebration faded and died.

"The woodwork was not too kind to us," Bonds said. He was pleased the first 24 hours as manager was over: "My head has been spinning." Then he went home to his other family and the news that Trevor Mor-ley had scored four goals in the reserves' 5-0 victory at Southampton and that Rosenior, in a comeback match, had missed a

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PERBITY.

WEST HAM: L. Middeke; S. Robson (sub:
D Kelly), J Dicks, G. Perrie, A. Martin, T.
Gayle, L. Brady (sub: I Bishop), M. Allen, J.
Culm, S. Sieher, K. Keen.
BLACKBURN: T. Gennoe; M. Atlins, C.
Sulley, N. Reid, K. Moran, D. Mail, A.
Kennedy, J. Miller, F. Stapleton, S. Ganner
(sub: J. Gayle), S. Selsars.
Referee: M. Bodenham.

and Dillon, Sheffield would

have been comprehensively beaten. After Morris had turned

McGhee's shot into his own net

after 18 minutes to give Newcastle a deserved lead, the

visitors created, and subsequently squandered, a-series

Smith lashes out at referee forwards to complement the midfield endeavour of Aitken

By Ian Ross

Sheffield United. Newcastle United...

As Newcastle United's last chance of winning automatic promotion from the second division was almost certainly snuffed out at Bramall Lane, the anger of one man personified their disappointment

Barely two minutes rema equalized. The goal, scored by Deane, appeared to come as a result of hesitancy within the Newcastle defence, a problem which had blighted an otherwise impressive performance.

However, Jim Smith, the Newcastle manager, was adamant that a Sheffield player had punched the ball as Quinn, the Newcastle forward, rose to head clear. In the ensuing scramble, Deane swept the ball home from close range after Brock and

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POSTPONED: Allos v Albion Ro United v Forfar; Clyde v

to each other the task of effecting a simple clearance.

The failure of Roger Milford. the referee, to spot an infringement was one of only three accusations levelled at the claimed that a Sheffield player, Whitehurst, had gone un-punished for "three forearm smashes" on his defenders, and that his side should have been awarded a penalty. There was some substance to his last comment for Morris clearly handled as he and McGhee jumped to reach a Brock free

Smith's uncontrolled frustration was understandable. His side had largely outplayed Sheffield. Two FA Cup matches against Barnsley in the previous six days had taken a heavy toll on the home side.

But for Deane's opportunism, and the failure of the Newcastle

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PONTINS LEAGUE: First division:

Scottish Cup

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before the season started, our aim now is a place in the top SHEFFIELD UTD: S Tracey; C Hill, D Barnes, B Booker, P Stanciffe, M Morris, P Wood (sub: M Todd), J Garnon, T Agana, B Oeene, B Whitehurat (sub: S Webster).

of inviting chances.

Sheffield United remain on course for a return to the first division for the first time since 1976. "If at all possible we want to avoid ending up in the play-offs," Dave Bassett, the Shef-field manager, said. "Although we would have settled for that

Webster).
NEWCASTLE UTD: T Wright: D Bradshaw, M Stimson, R Alifem, J Anderson, R Ranson, K Brock, K Dillon, M Ouirm, M McGhea, W Fereday.
Referee: R Millord.

booked — Batty, Fairclough and Kamara, of Leeds, North and West of Albion — the game's bark was worse than its bite. LEEDS UNITED: M Day; C Kamara, J Begin, V Jones, C Februough, P Haddock, G Strachan, D Batty, L Chapmen, I Varadi (sub: M Sterland), J Handrie. WEST BROANWICH ALBION: S Naylor; S Hodson, G Harbey, D Bradley, S North, D Burgess, C Shakaspeere, D Goodman, A Foster (sub: C West), B McNatly, K Bartlett. Mersey giants pursue player from Runcorn

Leeds pay

as off-side

trap shows

its flaws

By Vince Wright

West Bromwich Albion . 2 The off-side game shamelessly

employed by Leeds, the second division leaders, is fragile as well

as tiresome. West Bromwich

Albion sprung the trap twice to

gain an improbable draw in front of the largest crowd of the day, 30,004, at Elland Road on

Leeds, 2-0 ahead and looking

comfortable, were first exposed after 61 minutes when Good-

man raced on to Hodson's long

pass and scored via an upright

Eleven minutes from the end

Albion equalised from an al-

most identical situation. The

provider was West, who found

Barlett bearing down on Day alone. He calmly evaded the goalkeeeper's challenge to slide the ball in.

Leeds will be glad to see the

back of Albion, who beat them 2-1 at The Hawthorns in

November. Saturday's result will have shaken Leeds's con-

fidence, if not dented their

chances of promotion.

Meanwhile Albion's prospects of avoiding relegation have improved. Their recovery

was all the more praiseworthy as

and there was nothing here to

Albion cracked on the half-

hour, after looking vulnerable

vhenever Leeds attacked

Kamara, playing in the unfamil-iar position of full-back, stole

unnoticed into the six-yard box

to head home Strachan's right-

Strachan was an influential

and inspiring captain, proving once more that Manchester

United's loss is Leeds's gain.

The under-rated Scot was

largely responsible for the second Leeds goal after 54 minutes, collecting Haddock's speculative pass, making ground and

Chapman to head past Naylor. That should have been that, but

instead it was the start of Leeds's problems as they became en-

The flow of play was often interrupted by fussy referecing.

and although five players were booked -- Batty, Fairclough and

measuring a centre perfectly for

frighten the first division.

wing corner.

Leeds United...

Everton and Liverpool have midfield ver with the GM Vauxhall side, Runcorn (Ian Ross writes). Colin Harvey, the Everton

manager, and Tom Saunders, an influential member of Liverpool's backroom staff, watched Woan play in Saturday's FA Trophy third-round tie at Woan, aged 22, held talks with second division Bourne-

mouth about a proposed £70,000 move to the South Coast club last week but it is believed that he would prefer to remain in his native North-

Runcorn are likely to demand

Beeney's errors blow Maidstone off course

By Keith Blackmore

Maidstone United......

lost at home since the beginning of October, a run that has taken them into the heart of the fourth division promotion race, but the

the goalkeeper, only to cross poorly, but from then until halftime, Halifax Town, wind-as-sisted, enjoyed the better of

forced the ball home from 15 yards. Two minutes later, Richardson turned and shot from a similar distance. The ball seemed well within Beeney's compass, but it dribbled under his arm and into goal.

At half-time, Keith Peacock.

and replacing him with a for-

Thus encouraged, Maidstone Thus encouraged, Maidstone should have gone on to victory. That they did not was largely due to Brown in the Halifax goal. His positioning was excellent throughout and two saves in particular, from long shots by Sorrell and Lillis, were worthy of note.

Peacock was phlegmatic in defeat: "It was clear that whoever took advantage of the wind was going to win. We made a couple of mistakes in the first half and their goalkeeper made some good saves in the second. That was the difference," he said He could take comfort from

worthy of note.

other improbable results. Car-lisle United, the leaders, lost at home to Rochdale, and Exeter hisle United, the leaders, lost at home to Rochdale, and Exerce City, the second-placed team, could only draw with the bottom club, Wrexham. Stockport County, in third place, went down 5-0 to Scunthorpe United.

The leaders of the third division, Bristol City, also lost at home. Leworthy's goal giving Reading victory. Notis County moved level on points with City by beating Huddersfield Town with a last-minute goal by Lund.

MAIDSTONE UNITED M Beeney. J Ross. G Cooper. L Berry, D Othrow (set: Charley), M Golley, M Gest, J Lilla, A Sorrell, S Butler, G Pearce.

MALIFAX TOWNE D Brown; P Henring, M Cook, J Gennon. T Graham, D Martin, D Hall, T McPhilaps (sub: B Butler), N Reference D Elleray.

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Milan clear of Napoli

Rome (Reuter) - Napoli, fumbling without an injured Diego Maradona, collapsed to a 3-1 defeat at Internazionale yes-terday as AC Milan went clear at the top of the Italian league after winning 4-0 at Roma.

Milan's inspirational Dutchman, Marco van Basten, scored twice to spearhead a resounding victory over sixth-placed Roma and pull the European cham-

pions two points clear of Napoli.

the initiative early with a seventh minute foray by Brazilian

Napoli, meanwhile, grabbed

ruthlessly to overwhelm the visitors, who were top of the league for most of the first half of the season.

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Roast turned a hopeful pass into the Halifax penalty area and Golley had time to control the ball before scoring.

Halifax Town...... 2 This was a game determined by the elements: a strong wind blowing down the slope at Watling Street kept the ball in the lower half of the pitch, where ali three goals were scored.

Maidstone United had not

wind blew them off course in the first half on Saturday.

They might have taken the lead within a minute when Gall intercepted a back-pass and beat

things. Their first goal came after 33 minutes when Beeney failed to gather a long throw from the right and Gamon, making his first appearance since arriving from Sheffield United on loan,

the Maidstone manager, did his best to adapt to conditions, taking off a defender, Oxbrow,

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division:
Everton 1, Notim Forest 1.
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Aldenhamians 1: Braditeldians 2.
Velitingburians 3; Halleyburians 1, Lancing 1; Wykehamists 2, Westminsters 2.
LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division:
Altione Town 0, Limerick City 0; Cork City 2, Denry City 0; Galway United 1, St.
Patrick's Athletic 1, Leading positions (after 27 matches): 1, St Patrick's Athletic,
42 pts; 2, Denry City, 40; 3, Dundals, 35.
IRISH COUNTY ANTRING SNIELD: First rounce Eagl Belfast 1, Ards 1; Get; East Belfast won 5-4 on pens): Larne 1.
Cromac Abbon 0; H and W Welders 0,
Glentoran 3; Newry 3, Ballymens 1;
Linfield 2, Crusaders 0.
WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Waldhof Marmheim 4, FC Kalserslautern 0; Karlsruhe 1, Bayer Leverkusen 1; Hamburg 6,
Bayer Uerdingen 0; Eintracht Frankturt 5,
VIB STUTIGAT: 1. Borrussis Mönichengladtrach 4, Werder Bremen 0;
Vit, Bochum 1, Fortuna Düsseldord 2;
Cologne 1, Bayern Munich 1; Homburg 0,
St Pauli 2, Postponed: Nuremberg v Borussia Dortmund, Leading positions dater 22 matches): 1, Bayern Munich;
Spots: 2 Eintracht Frankturt, 30; 3, Bayer Leverkusen; 29.
SPANISM LEAGUE: Bendons 2, Real 30pts: 2. Eintrecht Frankfurt, 30; 3, Bayer Leverkusen, 29.
SPANSN LEAGUE: Bercsions 2, Real Sociedad 2; Real Madrid 5, Rayo Vallecano 2: Bercsions 2, Real Sociedad 2; Real Madrid 5, Rayo Vallecano 2: Bercsions 2, Real Sociedad 2. Majorca 0, Tenerile 3; Osasuna 2, Athetico Madrid 1; Zaragoza 0, Valencia 1; Athetic Bithos 3. Cadiz 1; Seville 3, Malaga 1; Castellion 1, Celta de Vigo 0; Oviedo 0, Logrones 4; Valladolid 1, Sporting de Gilon 3. Leading positions (after 27 matches): 1, Real Madrid, 44pts; 2, Athetico Madrid, 35; 3, Valencia, 35; 7, Valencia 6; Repench LEAGUE: Lyon 0, St Etienne 0; Nertes 0, Caen 0; Toulouse 0, Montpoliser 0; Nice 0, Metz 0; Cannes 1, Brest 1; Bordeaux 2, Auserra 3, Life 0; Marseille 2, Monaco 2, Leading positions: 1, Bordeaux, played 27, 41pts; 2, Marreilla 26, 37; 3, Sochaux, 25, 32.
ITALIAN LEAGUE: Ascol 1, Atalenta 1; Cerenorese 1, Verona 1; Internazionale 3, Naples 1; Junentus 1, Genoe 1; Roma 0, Ac Milan 4; Sampodria 3, Prorentina 0; Udinesa 1, Cesana 0, Leading positions; atter 25 matches): 1, AC Milan, 40pts; 2, Naples, 38; 3, Inter Milan, 35.

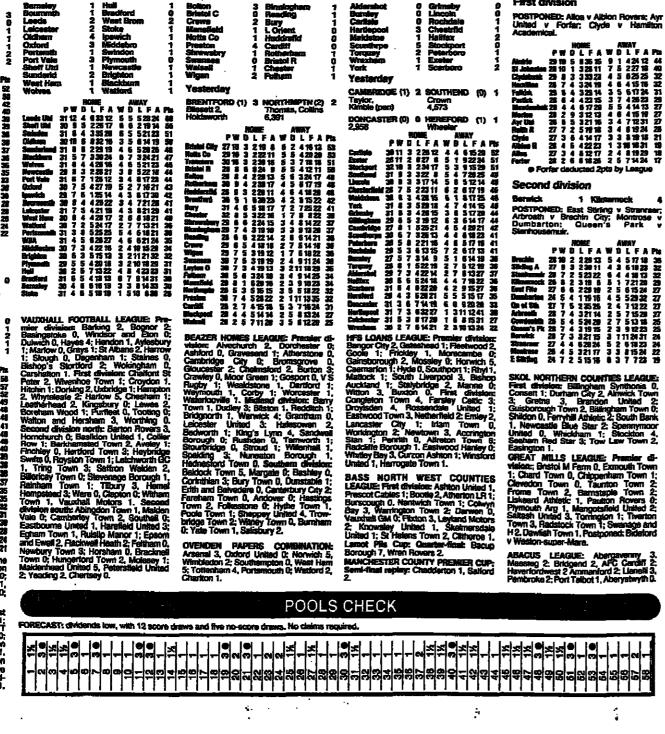
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ward, Charlery. Almost at once,

Careca who dodged defenders and goalkeeper Waiter Zenga to hammer the ball home. But Inter counter-attacked

> West German international Juergen Klinsmann forced Ciro Ferrara into an own goal a minute into the second half. Six minutes later Klinsmann was back with a successful header from point-blank range.





TENNIS: FIFTH SUCCESSIVE WIN OVER WORLD No. 1 PUTS BECKER IN THE MENTAL ASCENDANCY

Fatigued Lendl is humiliated

Ivan Lendl will have mixed emotions as he wakes up this morning. Uppermost in his mind will be the sentimental journey he makes today to play an exhibition match in Prague, his first trip back to his native land since 1984; at the back of it will be the niggling thought that his dreams of winning Wimbledon look hollower than ever after a severe defeat by Boris Becker in the final of the Stuttgart Classic yesterday.

Lendi was not just beaten, he was humiliated by Becker, who has now won their last five matches. "I think it is in both of our heads now that I have won the last few," said Becker. "Hopefully, it will stay that way."

No one was sure what was in Lendl's head, because it certainly was not his tactical brain. In the 73 minutes of absurdly one-sided tennis, Lendl won just two games in each set, reducing the usually raucous home crowd to bemused silence by his listlessness, and Becker to disbelief, with his inept impression of a serve and volleyer.

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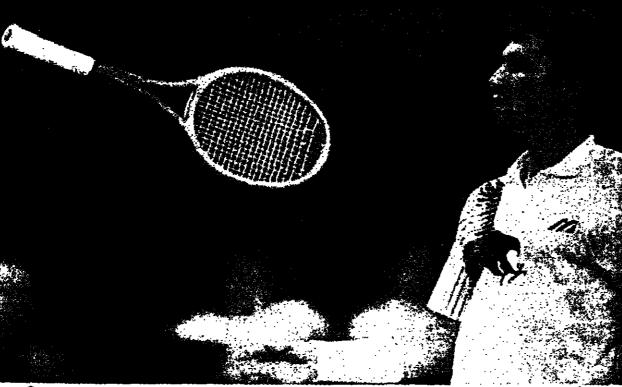
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"Those tactics surprised me. I still don't know why he did that," Becker said. Lendl's explanation that the court was so fast, his only chance lay in getting to the net first and putting the world champion under pressure, did not quite ring true. For one thing, the court seemed slow, for another, Lendl had shown no sign of resorting to those tactics earlier in the week.



Gesture of despair: Ivan Lendi throws his racket in the air after losing 6-2, 6-2 to Boris Becker

Fatigue seemed a more Though the occasion was acceptable excuse for his worst never going to generate the drubbing since he lost to nationalistic excitement of the McEnroe in Brussels in 1984. Davis Cup final two months ago, the meeting of the two Lendl has played four tourbest players in the world naments in five weeks and looked mentally exhausted. should, on form, have pro-"I've had too much tennis and duced more of a struggle. too much travelling, but I have no alternative. I have Though neither had been playing at their best, Lendi had given my commitment to the won his last three tourtour this year and will stick to naments and Becker had won my word. If I had been at his first title of the year in home today, I wouldn't even Brussels last week. have practised. That's how I felt," he said, But, from the opening

Becker meant business. He the second set did Lendl look broke Lendl to love in the first as if he might relish a fight. game, survived to break But, on break point for a 2-0 points in his own opening service game, and from then on gave Lendl little glimpse of

He attacked Lendl's surprisingly nervy second serve, and when Lendl kept coming in to the net, passed him regularly. A beautiful backhand service return gave him his second break of the set.

fourth time in the match. "That is bound to happen if you don't play well against Becker," he said with a shrug. Only briefly at the start of

HOCKEY

Practised outsiders Thrilling win for Middlesex topple champions

ing deliveries, and occasionally

showing his flair for converting

Rees rallied after losing the first two sets, and won the third, 7-4, from a bleak 0-4 scoreline. He failed to keep up his momentum, however, and dropped threes on the first two ends of the fourth set, espitulating 2-7.

Much depended upon who delivered the jack: Smith strung seven ends together while he

seven ends together while he was controlling the length, but lost four in succession while

"I'm very happy with my form now," the ebullicut Smith

said. He seems to regard himself

as the underdog against his friend, Thomson. "He's so diffi-cult to beat when he hits a rhythm," he said, "so I'll just have to try to get in first."

Rees was in charge.

Tony Alicock, of England, and Hugh Duff, the Scot, were the only former champions extant in the Embassy world indoor singles championship at Preston. On Saturday, Richard Corsie, the holder, was beaten by the English champion, Andy Thomson, then David Bryant was defeated by the swashbuckling Australian, Ian Schuback, left.

Thomson, last Tuesday a 50-1 outsider, and Schuback, who was 66-L are now perceived as real challengers for the title. Both are keyed up for victory, and appear more dedicated, professional even, than their fellow contenders.

It is surprising that daily — in the manner of professional darts or snooker players — is not thought com-pulsory in bowls. Schuback, however, in his own words, "sneaks into the Guild Hall at an early hour," and practises assiduously for around 21/2 hours each day.

Thomson's opponent in the quarter-final on Wednesday will be his Cyphers club colleague, Gary Smith, who won the 1988 UK singles title on the portable rink, and who will partner Thomson in next Thursday's pairs quarter-final against another pair of club colleagues. Steve Rees and John Price, of

Swansea.
Smith beat Rees yesterday, putting the bulky Weishman under considerable pressure

Middlesex and Hampshire provided the day's thrills in the county championship yester-day, when they drew 3-3 in the South area final. Middlesex eventually won 3-2 on penalty strokes, but both teams qualify for the national rounds. Gallen, Cart and Dixon were

point, there was no doubt that

champions, Tubb getting all three goals for Hampshire. Both sides had secured easy victories earlier in the day in the semi-final round. Middlesex defeated Kent 3-0 with goals by Daved, from a penalty stroke, Carr and Benzies. Hampshire beat Surrey by the same score, with Aspin - from Trojans -

ing the third.
Yorkshire's 2-1 win over
Cheshire gave them the Northern title, Cheshire finishing
runners-up. Meek scored both goals for Yorkshire, in the third and 30th minutes, Sam Crutch-ley reducing the lead from a penalty stroke in the 64th minute. The Midlands final was won

by Staffordshire, who defeated Warwickshire 2-1. The scorers for Staffordshire were Kulbir Takher, from a penalty stroke, and Medley from a short corner. Chris Roberts replied for

Devon's 4-1 win over Dorset enabled them to secure the Western title, with Somerset

Slough outskilled by Germans

Groningen — Slough's hopes of causing an upset in the final of the inangural European indoor club's championship were dashed when Brandenburg Berlin beat them 4-3 in a thrilling contest in Groningen yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes).
The English club reached the

RESULTS: Singles, second round: A Thomson (Eng) bt R Corele (Scot), 7-5, 7-6, 4-7, 7-6; I Schubeck (Aus) bt D Bryant (Eng), 3-7, 7-4, 7-2, 7-1; G Smith (Eng) bt Ross (Wales), 7-4, 7-3, 4-7, 7-2. Pains: First round: S Ross and J Price (Wales) bt C Bransky and M McMathon (BC), 7-8, 7-8, 6-7, 7-5. final after they had clung on tenaciously under enormous Blantyre notched up their third win in the CIS Insurance pressure from the Scottish champions, Gaytech Western, in Saturday's semi-final to earn a narrow 4-3 victory.

Christina Moser, Brandenburg's brilliant captain, took her tournament tally to 19 goals when the converted an early Scottish indoor league, recapturing the title they last held in 1987 when they finished strongly to beat Prestwick at Ardrossen on Saturday. Blantyre surrendered a 22 shot lead but then stepped up when she converted an early penalty to give her side the lead. However, the determined the pace on the run home to triumph 88-81.

Brown put Slough 3-1 ahead when she superbly touched in Kate Parker's pass, but the Germans retained their composure and their superior skills and finishing were to prove decisive. Within 10 minutes, Karola Wegner reduced the deficit and further strikes by Moser and Heike Glaibitz casured victory.

Guytech Western failed to live up to their reputation and, despite dominating their last two games, squandered far too

FOR THE RECORD

CYCLING

finishing runners-up after their 5-1 win over Hereford. The final stages of the Eastern division will be played on April 7, after which the draw will be made for the preliminary and quarter-final rounds.
The semi-finals and final are to be played at Sheffield on May

lead with the court wide open,

he was, not for the first time,

too tentative with the volley.

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vice and lost his own for the

After that, he won just three

RALTS: North: Cumpris 0, Durbare 1 thumberland 1, Lancaphire 3; York 9, 2, Chashire 1, Midlands: Seed de: Nothinghamshire 0, Staffordahire 3

LOS ANGELES OPER: Third round landing (US unless whitel): 197. F Couplet 88, 67, 62: 198: R Maddine 85, 67, 67; 66 (Argyma 67, 67, 65, 202: H Irwin 77, 67, 64; H Satton 68, 67, 67, 203: M Alles 53, 68, 72, 204: C Pavin 68, 68, 68; T Sactorium 68, 68, 68; P Pyrome 68, 68, 67; T Sille 71, 64, 72; P Jacobson 65, 68, 70. Chinas include: 206: T Kite 67, 70, 68; F Zyalis 71, 68, 69, 206: M Calcavacchin 71, 68, 69.

Slough team were soon back on level terms when Karen Brown, who was quite outstanding in the tournament, bustled through the German defence to score.

After the interval, Lesley Hobley scored from the spot and Brown put Slongh 3-1 ahead goal. goal.

Delecter played well yesterday at Chelmer Park, Chelmsford, and best Chelms-

Cheimsford, and beat Cheimsford 4-I in a re-arranged Typhoo National League match keeping second place to Slough in the league table (Joyce Whitehead writes). Leicester now have 22 points and a match in hand to Slough's 24.

Gill Brown, who was very creative in the Leicester side, was named player of the match.

SQUASH RACKETS

Tenacious Robertson knocks out **Jansher**

By Colin McQuillen adopted as an unofficial iff scion since joining the saful Welsh Wizards league successful wish with the season, repaid local affection at the National Sports Centre by defeating Jansher Khan, the world champion, 15-13, 11-15, 17-16, to reach the final of the £30,000 Leekes Weish Classic.

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At the end of a light a no-let call from the referee The decision was less than generous to a world champion renowned for extraordinary recovery abilities, but probably reflected the balance of the

A dozen meetings with asher, who he removed from Jansher, who he removed from last year's British Open in the quarter finals, and it brought him to a final against Jahangir Khan, the world No. 2. Janhangir has lost to just five men in the past decade, but only survived a 75-minute semi final against his Pakistani compatriot, Mir Zonman Gnl, 15-5, 15-13, 13-15, 15-8, and looked somewhat rusty.

somewhat rusty.
The tenacions Robertson is the only one of the world's top five players unbeaten this year.
Januber was defeated in Toronto earlier this mouth by Chris Ditmar, of Australia, the world Dinner, of Australia, the world No. 3, who lost to Rodney Eyles in the seedings collapse which also claimed the world No. 4, Rodney Martin, this week and has marked this Welsh Classic, Jahangir lost to Jansher, also in Toronto. Professional squash has never before witnessed the simultaneous demise of its four top ranked players.

Robertson's court speed and

top ranked players.

Robertson's court speed and anticipation is rivalled only by the two top Pakistanis. Normally, however, he lacks the shot power to do more than provide obstinate semi-final obstructions of great value to opposing finalists but of little use to his own silver collection.

Against Jansher he pursued his normal game to such effect that he was eventually extractthat he was eventually extract-ing errors from the world cham-pion in series of the kind that Jansher's prodigious rallying pa-tience usually brings from his

With rallies often lessing close to 100 strokes, reminiscent of the early Barrington-Hant pro-fessional marathons, Robertson advanced from 7-7 to win the 30-minute opening game in just two hands, from 2-10 in the 26-minute second game and from two hands, from 2-10 m the 25-minute second game and from 12-14 in the 34-minute fourth. He had considerable assistance from Jansher's mistakes, pro-duced by his increasingly des-perate search for a hole in the Australian's defence.

RACKETS

Male excites in triumph against Boone

RUGBY LEAGUE

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STONES BYTTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Leigh 14, Leeds 25: Settord 18, Castelord 24; Shellistd 40, Barton 2.

The world rackets champion, James Male, of Great Britain, survived a tense and exciting battle against the former world champion, Willie Boone, to reach the semi-final of the US Open championships in Chi-cago (Sally Jones writes).

Male, looking sharp and con-fident was more inventive on 26.85. Sharron Davies, of Bracknell,

RUGBY LEAGUE

Oldham surprise Widnes with their commitment

By Keith Macklin

Tony Barrow, the Oldham coach, has warned Wembley to prepare for an invasion by Oldham supporters during the last weekend in April. The town's football chib are virtually assured of a Littlewoods Cupfinal appearance, on April 29, and yesterday, at the home of the champions Widnes, the rugby league team produced the surprise of the season with a ragby largue team produced the surprise of the season with a pessionate display in the Silk Cup Challenge Cup quarterfinal, which knocked all the heart out of the illustrious home

oldham, the second division team, who will next year return to the top flight, surprised everyone including their own everyone including their own supporters by the certainty and conviction of their victory. In the first half, against a fierce wind, they conceded two early penalties from Davies, but then punted Widnes on their own line, and went ahead shortly before half-time when Cogger, Clark and Newton carried out an Clark and Newton carved out an opening for Henderson to go under the posts. Platt added the

Widnes fought furiously in the second half to retrieve the position, and it was Oldham's turn to defend. Defend they did, tackling with such unyielding

way through for Widnes, even for the flying Offiah, who re-ceived only two passes through-out the game, and was twice thwarted when kicks ahead were made dead by desperate but effective cover.

Time and again the energetic and skilful McKenzie opened up haif chances for his Widner colleagues, but always the Old wind, Oldham raised the sic over and Platt added the goal delight at a surprise, but thor-oughly descreed victory. Oldham still have a semi-final hurdle to negotiate, but on this form they are capable of beating

Wigan set pace in march from west

the semi-finals of the Challenge Cup are monopolized by teams west of the Pennines (Keith Macklin writes).

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Wakefield Trinity and
Budford Northern, the two
remaining Yorkshire sides, were
defeated in the weekend's quarter-finals, and tonight's semifinal draw will feature Wigan,
the favourites, Warrington, Oldham the survice team and St ham, the surprise team, and St

It seems that nothing can stop Wigan's relentless march to-wards a third consecutive Wembley final. Wakefield Trinity did their best at Belle Vue, and at one stage in the first half led 10-6, but their hopes disappeared just before half time when their inspiration, the veteran Austra-lian loose forward Ray Price,

and despite a spirited second half display by Trinity, who had two tries disallowed, they eventually took command, with Hanley and Edwards scoring tries to add to the first half efforts from Edwards and Iro. Lydon kicked five goals. Kelly and Price scored tries for Wake-field and Mark Conway kicked

Warrington just had the edge warnington just had the edge in a muddy slog against Bradford Northern at Odsal. They should have had more than the one try scored by Jackson, and when Gill and Cordle scored tries for North-ern, Hobbs could have levelled the tie with a conversion from the touchline from Cordle's touchdown. But he missed, and Turner's four successful kicks were the key to Warrington's 12-10 win,

SWIMMING

Two world bests for Gery

By Craig Lord

Marcel Gery, of Canada, com-pleted three victories at the pleted three victories at the Leicester World Cup meeting last night and will return home with two world best times and £10,000 the richer.

After setting world bests in the 100 metres butterfly (52,07sec) and 50m butterfly

(24.07) on Friday and Saturday, Gery was back last night to win the 50m backstroke in 25.78. His effort pulled Martin Harris, of Barnet, to a British record of 26.57 for second, with Kevin Draxinger of Canada, third in 26.85

and Ron Dekker, of The Netherlands, also completed three victories each. Davies, the Moscow silver medal winner, bounced back to form with victory in the 100m backstroke in 1min 03.38sec, just 0.01sec slower than the

British record, to add to her wins in the 100m freestyle and Som butterfly.
She also took silver in the 100m butterfly and 50m back-stroke. Her performances lifted

the Bracknell team to best club of the meeting which doubles as the fourth British Milk in Action Grand Prix event of the season

with 159 points.

The 100m breaststroke world best of 59.30, held by Dimitri Volkov, of the Soviet Union, was safe. Dekker pursued that time and a £10,000 prize but a blietering 27.94 first 50m took blistering 27.94 first 50m took its toll and Dekker faded in the last 10 metres to come home first in 59.82.

He had set a Dutch record of

59.79 in the heat. Dekker also won the 50m breaststroke and the 200m breaststroke in a Dutch record of 2min 12,23sec. Dones record of Annia 12.25sec.
Donna Procter, of Australia,
took four golds. They came in
the 200m and 400m individual
medley, the 200m butterfly and
the 800m freestyle. Karen
Mellor, of Sheffield, split the
strong Australian duo of Sheridan Burge-Lonez and Procter to strong Australian duo of Sher-idan Burge-Lopez and Procter to take second in the 400m free-style in 4min 14.82sec. Burge-Lopez, the 300m freestyle Commonwealth Games bronze medal winner, was first in 4:13.92, with Procter third in

SNOOKER

Chaperon has Hallett at new low

By Steve Acteson

Mike Hallett, ranked sixth in the world, suffered perhaps the worst result of all in a season of personal discontent yesterday when he was beaten 5-3 by Bob Chaperon, the world No. 29 from Canada, to become the seventh of the top sixteen seeds to fail to reach the last 16 stage of the Pearl Assurance British

Open in Derby.
Chaperon drowned Hallett's ambition of braking a slide that has inclined him towards a massive loss of confidence and which began, extraordinarily, immediately he had won the first ranking event of the season

in Hong Kong.

Hallett, who led in all the first four frames, lost them all and never more suicidally than when he earned himself a free ball after snookening Chaperon on the yellow in frame two and missed. To his credit Hallett came out

fighting after the interval and after forging breaks of 49 and 40 he then took his winning streak to three frames in a row as Chaperon, understandably, be-came visibly aggitated as his lead was whittled away. Hallett, however, shot himself

once more in the foot by going in-off the second last red in frame eight and Chaperon stead-ied himself for one last effort before admitting: "My, it was tough out there, like pulling teeth." Hallett said: "I can't remem-

ber playing as badly as I did in the first four frames, I was really loose, and my concentration was all over the place. I should have been looking at a top four place at this stage of the season. Instead I'll have to sit down and have a long think before the World Championship." Neal Foulds, down from third to 20th in the rankings, continued his revival with a 5-0 win over Tony Drago. Foulds ran in breaks off 70, 101, 33, 54, 53,

and 36. Drago totalled only 48 points in all.

porties in all the posterior rested (England impless statud): N Founds bt A Drago (Malta) 5-0; R Chaparon (Car) bt M Hallett 5-3; Saturday -- A Higgins (N let) bt M Bennett (Males) 5-2; A Robidoux (Can) bt S Duggan 5-4; D Mountjoy (Males) bt D Reynolds 5-2; A Knowles bt J Wattana (Tha) 5-3.

ROWING **Christ Church**

kept at bay Oriel successfully held off Christ

Church to retain the headship of Oxford University Torpids on the Isis on Saturday (a Special Correspondent writes). The House, who bumped New on Friday, never threatened Oriel, Oriel finished two lengths clear of Christ Church

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BOXING Lewis set on title schedule By Srikumar Sen

Boxing Correspondent

over for Lennox Lewis. The baby of Britain's world class heavyweights tries something a little more solid tonight; his first eight-rounder. He tackles Proud Kilimanjaro, of Zimbabwe, at the Crystal Palace Recreation The bout could have been an

eliminator for the Common-wealth title held by Derek Williams, of Battersea, but Lewis's manager, Frank Maloney, did not want him to box 10 Even though Lewis will, be

fore long, threaten Williams and Gary Mason, the British champion, and could become Brit-ain's first world contender with a real chance of lifting the title,
Maloney will not be rushed.

"Everything is going according to schedule," Maloney said.
"It would be totally wrong to be diverted." Lewis, who has been boxing six-round contests, has not had to go the distance with any of his

seven opponents so far. He should prove too good for eightshould prove too good for eightround opposition, too.
Although Kilimanjaro is the
African champion he is ranked
No. 26 in the world and going
down. His African opponents
have not been of the highest
class: Black Tiger went out in
four rounds, Captain Marvel
and Ringo Starr in one; Mary
Konate and Kid Power were
beaten in five rounds, George
Foreman in one, and Bomyongo Foreman in one, and Bomyongo Destroyer and Juke Box Time Bomb were blasted out in four. Kilimanjaro, however, has always had to struggle with European or Europe-based boxers with less fancy names. He was outpointed by Trevor Currie, Jean Maurice Chanet, of France, and Lotte Mwale. Horace Notice, the former British champion, stopped him in seven rounds. Plain, simple Lewis should be altogether too

fancy for him.

ATHLETICS

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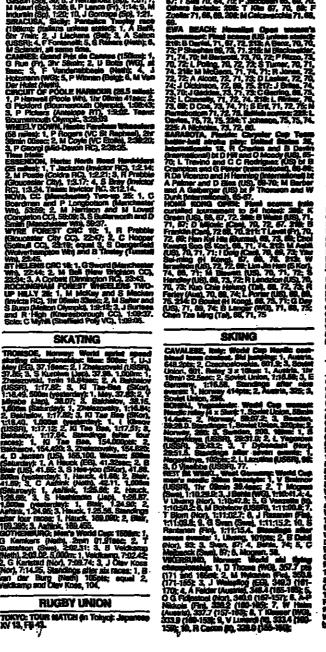
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RACKETS

Breaking free of Caribbean cosh

From Alan Lee Cricket Correspondent Kingston, Jamaica

England, having dismantled their equivalent of the Berlin Wall by reducing the mighty West Indian batting to ruins, yesterday took their first wary steps towards an unforseeable freedom from cricketing

For those who have watched the West Indies treat England with increasing contempt during the past decade, Saturday's events were unimaginable. By the same token, time spent under the Caribbean cosh has a caution-

England had fired the open-ing shot; now, one waited in trepidation of the response. Yesterday's morning session promised to be crucial. Survive, relatively unscathed, and England could begin to raise their sights, thinking not only of achieving a firstinnines lead for the first time in their last 18 Test matches in the Caribbean, but of building a winning position.

They crossed the first hurdle with only one casualty. By lunch they had advanced by 52 runs for the loss of Wayne Larkins, dubiously deprived of a maiden Test half-century at the improbable age of 36. Then, over by over, untroubled by any need for haste, they began to convince even the most cynical that they really might be capable of a result the cricket world would greet with disbelief.

To put the sensations of the opening day into perspective, it is necessary to condemn the West Indian batting as much as one celebrates the England bowling. There was an arrogance to the West Indies approach, manifesting itself in the dismissals of Richardson, Hooper and Richards, each one playing pulls so inappropriate that they could only be born of disdain or

Even the suggestion of desperation is a tribute to what was the most consistent display of English seam bowling I have seen in years. Fraser took the glory, reminding some distinguished observers of Trevor Bailey in his pomp, but Capel has never bowled a better line in his Test career, Malcolm confounded all by harnessing control to his speed

Richarson c Small b Capel ... Best c Russell b Capel ... P J L Dujon not out . M D Marshall v Fras

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82, 2-81, 3-92, 4-92, 5-124, 6-144, 7-144, 8-150, 9-164. BOWLING: Small 15-6-44-1; Malcolm 16-4-49-1 (2 nb); Fraser 20-8-28-5 (1 nb) Capel 18-4-81-2 (2 nb).

ENGLAND First innings

G A Gooch c Dujon b Patters W Leridos low b Walsh A J Stewart c Best b Bishop A J Lamb not out Total (3 witts). FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-60, 3-116

and Small scarcely lapsed from his own highest stan-

dards of accuracy.

It was a heady day to be English, all the more so for its shock factor. The West Indies, losing all 10 wickets for 102 after an opening stand of 62, were dismissed for their lowest score against England since the Leeds Test of 1969, Then, in a final, taut session

which had ample scope for batting disaster, England himited the damage to two wickets. Of these, Gooch was caught down the leg side by Dujon, one of the game's most exasperating means of dismissal, but Stewart was out to the sort of nightmarish delivery seen so often here in 1986, Bishop making the ball rear at his face and the instinctive glove saving Stewart's fea-tures, if not his wicket.

That ball will have cooled any temptation to celebrate prematurely. All it needed was two more of similar malice yesterday morning and the floodgates would have been opened. The situation demanded attrition and accumulation; wondrous to relate, that is exactly what was

Larkins and Lamb, to those who know their Northamptonshire style, invoke images of cavalier stroke-play. Not yesterday. As a near capacity crowd of 15,000 watched in hot sunshine, they entrenched themselves while Richards rotated his pacemen

West Indies' Test total lowest for two decades

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against England since they were dismissed for 161 at Headingley in 1969 (Richard

It is West Indies' lowest total on home soil against England since they made only 143 at Kingston in 1968, when John Snow took seven for 49.

England have won only one of their 10 Tests at Kingston, when they beat West Indies by nine wickets in 1954, Trevor

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West Indies' first imnings total Bailey's first imnings figures of of 164 is their lowest in Tests seven for 34 helped dismiss West Indies for 139, their lowest ever total in Tests against England at Sabina

Angus Fraser's five for 28 are his best in Test cricket, and the best for England in Tests in the West Indies since Tony Gregg took eight for 86 at Port of Spain in 1974, which helped to take England to a 26-ran victory — the last time England beat West Indies in a

16.9%

Limited

None of the four found anything in the pitch to excite him and, by mid-afternoon, was reduced to employing spin at one end, a curiosity for the crowd, and seam, to a wholly defensive field, from the other. There was also a conspicuous determination to bowl the overs as slowly as possible -

the two-hour morning session contained only 23 - a common, though unpalatable, tac-Marshall posted only two slips from the outset; with a third he might have had Lamb

caught in his second over. Larkins, whose initial move-ment against Bishop was away to square leg, none the less played virtually everything with the middle of the bat and, significantly, with time in When 35, Larkins passed

his previous best Test score, made at the Oval nine years ago in his last appearance. When 43 he was brilliantly caught at first slip, by a jubilant Hooper, but off a Walsh no-ball. Three runs later and after more than three hours of concentration. Larkins was harshly adjudged leg-before to a ball from Walsh which gave every indication of passing harmlessly down the

Smith, always a nervous starter, shouldered arms to his second ball but Walsh's pleading for a second leg-before was rejected. Then, just after lunch, and with the West Indies in need of a boost, stunningly put it down.

This was the reprieve which England needed and, as the be an Englishman, whether afternoon wore on, their grip on the game tightened. Bishop, unbelievably, found himself operating with only one slip and a man on the cover boundary: Lamb. treating the off spin of Hooper with disrespect in an over which brought 14 runs and his own 50, closed in with some certainty on his own elusive prize, a first overseas century

By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

(Nottingham Forest win 2-1 on

Nottingham Forest, the holders of the Littlewoods Cup, have reached the final of the

competition for the fifth time

under Brian Clough. They will

defend their title on April 29,

barring a result of the most improbable proportions, against Oldham Athletic, who lead West Ham United 6-0 in

the other semi-final.

on Saturday.

seven months.

flanker who was sent off in

Edinburgh and suspended for

The experienced Condom

plays as lock, with Olivier

Roumat switching to flanker.

Condom, who has played 57

times for France, last ap-

peared in the first inter-

national defeat by Australia in

Fouroux made wholesale

Strasbourg last November.

Coventry City...... Nottingham Forest...



day of this first Test match. the man on the radio was muttering something darkly about the whole of the Caribbean being in a state of shock after the events of Saturday. It was rather pleasant to be there Lamb dallied with an off- to listen to him, although, as one who has been more often stump ball from Bishop, and one who has been more often Dujon, attempting to take the on the receiving end, I would nave felt it all the more rewarding had I been one of the chosen 11 out on the field.

This has been a good time to player, journalist or spectator. and all credit is to be given to the way England stuck to their task in the field. The pitch had none of the life that had marked previous visits and more than a few deliveries shot a lot closer to the ground than the batsmen liked.

However, Greenidge and Haynes had settled into their task and the breakthrough came only when Greenidge

Yet their resilience was

cracked only once and the

outstanding players were all to

be found in their back four.

Although Chettle was chosen officially as the man of the match, Walker, his partner in

the contest against Regis and

Coventry City's attack, an

unproductive unit earlier in the season, had become pro-

lific with the introduction of

Livingstone. The replacement

for Drinkell, who is already

being considered as a possible

French stand by beaten 14

Livingstone, never put a foot



The former England captain the first Test in Jamaica

2 Devon Malcolm misfield was made to look the dunce as Malcolm's recovering throw arrived with pin-point accuracy over the stumps before Greenidge's outstretched bat arrived back at the crease.

All the England bowlers had a part to play and they maintained the lines that restricted the West Indian batsmen and forced some of them into injudicious shots in attemots to break the shackles. Malcolm was the quickest, Small and Capel brisk and

Small, who had borne the

youngsters reach final

possession on either flank, he

was kept imprisoned. Regis

was allowed to escape only

momentarily to light Cov-

entry's one spark of optimism

Released by Livingstone's

nod, he chipped defly over

Sutton and the ball clipped the

bar. Smith might have put

Coventry ahead from the re-

bound, and levelled the scores

on aggregate, but his header

glanced off Laws, struck the

same piece of woodwork and

Clough made only one con-

cession in his line-up. Rather

bounced away for a corner.

in the 19th minute.

morning, achieved his reward later in the day. Capel delivered the perfect ball to dismiss Best, with elements of outswing and bounce being more than enough to add his scalp to that of Richardson

earlier in the day. But the first day belonged to ingus Fraser. Before the Test, there had been those who would have left him out of the ever, a time for selectors to back the qualities of the player as perceived over a los -scale and, rightly, there was little problem in placing his name on the team sheet.

Fraser's first spell proved the Jamaica episode to have the day. been no more than a temporary aberration, and he effectively blocked West Indian attempts at scoring from the Northern End. His most testing moment came with the first hall of his next snell.

when Jack Russell's take ad-

containing roles. Jemson was an isolated figure particularly

as the manager's son, Nigel,

was withdrawn in character as

Forest did disturb Ogrizovic

on the counter-attack. Three

times City's goalkeeper was

stretched to the limit to parry

drives from Jemson, Crosby

and Laws. He was beaten in

the 55th minute by a drive

which refreshed memories of

Pearce, in scoring the win-

ner a fortnight ago, almost

uprooted the framework of the

goal. With a similarly crisp

free kick, he hit the bar with

well as in position.

the first leg.

had edged the ball.

tion but not in prime form, his successive balls, but after his dismissal from an over-ambitious pull at Malcolm, the decks were cleared for Fraser to complete the demolition of the West Indies batting. Bang on line, he hit the stumps three times and had Bishop taken at

In my limited experience of him as a colleague and as an adversary, Fraser is not given to undue emotion, but the satisfaction was there to see as be accepted his team-mates' congratulations and the smile was on his face at the end of

The great thing from Fra-ser's and England's point of view was that they were able to capitalize on their hard work and for once did not allow the West Indies lower middle order to retrieve the situation. jacent to first slip was not Long may it continue.

solid as a rock

Shock for O

of arme

Eamonn Darcy, old Irish warhorse that he is, proved a solid rock on the last day of the Desert Classic golf tour-nament here yesterday. He began the day five shots ahead of four other players and finished it four ahead of one other, David Feherty, another Irishman, from the north.

Yet another son of the Emerald Isle, Des Smyth, moved up from three under par to six under to share third place with Severiano Ballesteros. Darcy scored 69, three under par, for a total of 276, Feherty 68 for 280, Smyth 69, and Ballesteros 70 for 282. Darcy won £45,825. So Darcy never let go after

his blistering — literally as well-as figuratively — course record 64 on Thursday. He had come off the course a spent man on Saturday, when the wind and fast, heavily-spiked greens, not to mention his isolated position at the head of affairs. had tested his patience, but there was no sign of warweariness about his golf yesterday.

which only Feherty surpassed, in such demanding circumstances on such a demanding course, was wholly praiseworthy. So much so, that it is surprising to discover that in his 18 years on the PGA European Tour, he had previously won only three On two occasions during

the burning afternoon yesterday Feherty, six years the younger at 31, got to within two strokes of Darcy. Both times the winner responded in the proper professional manner, by reducing the next holes The second occasion, per

haps, was crucial. At the long 13th (550 yards) Darcy hit a magnificent three-wood from 240 yards out to 15 feet. The eagle putt refused to drop but the quality of the stroke gave Darcy the lift he may have needed to sustain his efforts. "It was my best shot of the day," he said later. "A beautiful golf shot. I knew then that

nobody would catch me." Surprisingly, the man to offer a serious challenge in the match ahead was Feherty rather than Ballesteros surprisingly not only because of the Spaniard's fiercely competitive instinct, but also because Feherty was unwell. He has been suffering from coughs and colds for some time and was prescribed antibiotics for a throat infection

seemed to be having little effect, he doubled the dose yesterday and doubled the Feherty was unable to focus properly, but he still got to the turn in two under par and birdied the last (547 yards) to come home in two under. He stood on that tee level with Bailesteros at seven under, but, while he was registering a

on arriving here. Since they

conventional birdie - laying up short of the water, pitching on, and holing the putt (albeit from perhaps 30 feet) - his illustrious partner was running up a six. Ballesteros aimed down the 17th fairway to evade the degree leg and made three unst

ful appeals for a free drop, ... for a plugged ball, then casual water, and finally ground under repair. He took three more to reach the green, and then missed from 10 feet.

then missed from 10 feet.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (GB and ireland unless stand): 27E: E Oercy, 64, 68, 75, 68. 28D: D Februry, 73, 69, 70, 68. 282: D Sabbusheros (Sp.) 72, 69, 71, 74, 69; S Beflesteros (Sp.) 72, 69, 71, 74, 69; S Beflesteros (Sp.) 72, 69, 77, 70, 284: D Gillow, 72, 73, 73, 69, 72, 285: P Fowler (Aus), 72, 70, 73, 70; S Richardson, 72, 70, 72, 71, 10 Durnlen, 72, 67, 73, 73, 288: P O'Malley (Aus), 68, 70, 77, 71; M McChally (Zhu), 68, 74, 77, 77; N Faddo, 72, 73, 72, 69; 287; A Socressen (Den), 73, 70, 75, 65; R Ratlerty, 73, 70, 75, 69; 288: V Singh, 72, 70, 75, 71; M James, 67, 75, 75, 71; M Mackenzie, 71, 73, 71; M Pouton, 78, 63, 71, 73, 289; W Grank, 75, 70, 73, 71; P Smith, 69, 73, 74, 73, 296; J van de Veicie (Fr), 72, 74, 74, 70; C Rocca (B, 72, 73, 73, 73, 72, 281; B Gallacher, 73, 73, 76, 68; W Riches, 73, 73, 72, 77, 76, 77; R Jones, 73, 72, 75, 77; K Brown, 70, 74, 73, 75, 75; T R Jones, 73, 72, 75, 71; K Brown, 70, 74, 74, 75, 75; T S Torrance, 74, 71, 73, 73, 73

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Celtic on

treble

Scottish Cup triumph yesterday by dislodging arch enemies and favourites Rangers with a I-O victory at Parkhead. Celtic, aiming to become the first team to complete the hat-trick in the history of the Cup, reached the quarter-finals thanks to Tommy Coyne's goal on the stroke of

of last season's Scottish Cup final when, like today, Celtic's only hope of winning a trophy hinged on victory, over their

accept second best as well as the knowledge that they have not won the Scottish Cup in 10

SPORT IN BRIEF

for Cup

wards their third successive

The result was a repetition great rivals. The lbrox club had to

half-time.

Forest, carrying only the than unleashing two wingers, member of England's B squad, such force that the ball was he dropped Orlygsson and smallest of advantages from Livingstone had scored eight thrown 50 feet up into the Swirling wind. COVENTRY CITY: S Ogrizovic: B Borrows, G Downs, D Speede, B Käcline, T Peate, K Gallacher, M Gynn, C Regis, S Livingstone, D Smith. NOTTINGHAM FOREST: S Sutton; B Laws, S Pearce, D Walker, S Chettle, S Hodge, G Crosby, G Parker, N Clough, N Jemson, T Wason. the first leg, approached the selected Wilson, usually a goals and his colleagues had return fixture at Highfield claimed four others in the last central defender, on the right Road, yesterday as though it side of midfield. was a European tie. Clough But, in spite of a constant Hodge and Parker, the cencan draw on his Continental tral midfield pair who are supply of crosses, especially during the first half in which experiences of more than a accustomed to making regular decade ago but his youngsters Smith and Gallacher were

are comparative novices at the provided with extravagant

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26-7 humiliation at the hands Donald the hooker, is Fouroux, the French coach, of England in Paris three regarded as doubtful following weeks ago, bringing in six new yesterday retained 14 members of the French rugby union team beaten 21-0 by Scotland at Murrayfield eight days ago

changes to his team after the ber of the team John Mc-

• Willie Anderson, who captained Ireland in this season's when he named the players to three internationals and was face Ireland in France's final five nations' championship dropped from the side to face match of the season in Paris France in Paris on Saturday, was named yesterday as a The only change was the recall of Jean Condom in forward replacement (George Ace writes). place of Alain Carminati, the

Dennis McBride, the Malone and Ulster open side flanker, completes the back row following Philip Matthews' withdrawal with to a virus infection; Matthews may not be available for the game against Wales on March 24 in Dublin either. Pat O'Hara will switch over to the blind side of the scrum.

But the other Malone mem-

replacement. Nick Popplewell, the Graystones loose head prop, who played against New Zealand last November is the reserve from row replacement.

FRENCH TEAM (v treiand on March 3): Blanco: P Hontas, P Sella, F Mesmel, P Lagisquet, D Camberghero, H Sertz, P Onderts, L Armery, M Pujollo, J-M Lhermet, O Rourest, J Condom, T

Ryder bid

by Belfry damage to a calf muscle in his left leg during yesterday's training session at Lansdowne Road. Should McDonald pull Up to £500,000 is to be spent by the owners of the Belfry Golf Club in the Midlands to out, and the selectors are stage the Ryder Cup for a prepared to wait until record third successive time in Wednesday if necessary, Terry 1993. Ireland and Spain are Kingston (Dolphin), Ireland's rivals. The venue will be de-World Cup hooker, will play cided by the Professional with Connacht's James Golfers Association next O'Riordan travelling as a month but the Belfry's chief executive, Brian Cash, said his company would spend "huge amounts" to put any deficiencies right.

One-day men

The Yorkshire referendum on four-day cricket saw 2,283 voting against the TCCB proposal for 16 four-day matches and 286 for the change. About



Kodes: Hall of Fame **Kodes honour**

Jan Kodes, of Czechoslovakia a former Wimbledon and French Open champion and women's tennis patron, Joseph F Cullman, were named as the next members of the International Tennis Hall of

Fame in Philadelphia.

62 by Couples Fred Couples, from Seattle, was in position to win the Nissan Los Angeles Open golf contest with a third round of

Mead's day

In atrocious weather, Paul Watson, from Worksop, won the final event of the inaugural national biathlon (run, cycle, run) series at Cosford but overall victory went to Steve Mead, of Abingdon Chris Mawer, from Leicester, took the women's contest.

Lacrosse first The All England Women's Lacrosse Association's first 10-a-side national tournament under an experimental rule was won by the Home Scots at Dunstable.

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